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Action Recommended By Un-Filipino Committee

COUNTER-MEASURES URGED

Manila, March 3.

The House Committee on Un-Filipino Activities, reporting on a five-month investigation of Communism, today urgently recommended the prosecution of Communist Party members in the Philippines as a step in the solution of peace and order problems.

The Committee said: "There is a widespread mistaken belief that the Communist Party can operate in this country as a legal organisation," but pointed out that the Supreme Court outlawed the party in 1932.

The Committee said only two Communist Party members were conclusively established in the Philippines. They are the fugitive Hukbalahap chief, Luis M. Taruc, and the Manila labour leader, Mariano P. Balgos. It said, however, that at least 89 unnamed persons took the party oath.

The committee recommended the cleaning up of labour organisations, sharp intelligence, alerting the armed forces until the last vestige of armed resistance to constitutional authority is wiped out, counter-propaganda, strict immigration, education of youth regarding Communism, political ostracism of the Communists.

Regarding China, the report said: "Were we to neglect Communism and the Communist Party in the Philippines a little longer this country can become another China in a shorter time than we are to admit.

"The problem that a China governed by Communists will present to the Philippines will undoubtedly be more difficult than problems Communist Russia represents in matters of foreign relations. The victory of the Communists there cannot but provide a certain degree of inspiration on the part of local Communists....

"This aspect of the China problem, however, should not be the cause for hopeless dismay. Internal aggression rather than external invasion is the immediate threat to this republic from the Communists."

The committee said if the government can crush the Communist rebellion on Luzon for the next 20 years "then we can almost be certain this country will never be invaded by the Communists."

It noted that the Philippines South East Asia neighbours are earmarked for Red domination, and said that the United Nations must fight Communism.

Truman Praised

The committee praised the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, but said the United States alone cannot defeat Communism.

The report noted that China figuratively is only a stone's throw from the Philippines shores and added: "If the Communists overrun the whole of China 20 years will be too short a time for Mao Tse-tung to consolidate his forces among a people so conservative and practically twice as many as the Russians, which took Lenin and Stalin 32 years to subdue."

The committee counselled calmness in viewing the China war. It said: "We are confident the diplomatic and consular problems that might arise if the recognised government of China is overrun will be met competently by our government."

Red Domination

The report contended that French Indo-China, Malaya, Siam, Burma and India are earmarked for Red domination by infiltration and interval aggression, and predicted the South Korean government eventually would be sovereign throughout Korea.

It said that SCAP in Japan has the Communists well under control.

Regarding Indonesia, the committee said it was unfortunate the Dutch resorted to their police action, but hoped the United Nations would work out a solution there which would prevent Communist inroads.

The committee urged strong United Nations action to combat Communism and recommended the Philippine United Nations delegation to seek a commission to study Communist teachings and give the Red problem full airing before the world.

The report praised the United States fight against Communism but said America could not win the battle of ideologies alone.

The report said Stalin's recent offer to talk peace with President Truman was nothing but a vicious propaganda stunt.

Meanwhile the Associated Press reported that a Philippine Congressman today called for strict neutrality in foreign relations unless the United States gives unmistakable assurances she will defend these islands against possible attack.—United Press and Associated Press.

10 Killed In Canton Ship Blast

Canton, March 3.

At least 10 Chinese were killed and 30 seriously injured as a result of an explosion on the 300-ton Hong Kong-Canton steamer, Ningpo, in the Pearl River at Canton at 6 p.m. today.

The explosion blew a hole in the ship's side and badly damaged the superstructure. The ship's bow sank to the bottom of the river.

Police cars, fire engines and ambulances breezed through the city for half an hour as they rushed to assist in the rescue work. Nearby sampans helped by picking up people who had been blown into the river or who had jumped into the water to escape possible further explosions.

Windows and doors in foreign residences on Shameen were rattled by the explosion, the cause of which was still not determined by the police at a late hour.

The casualties of the explosion were members of the crew and some among the small passenger list. The ship was just about to leave for Hong Kong and the passengers were sitting down to the evening meal.—Reuter-AAP.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) the anti-cyclone centred over Korea is moving E and from it a weak ridge extends SW across the Eastern Sea to Tongking. A trough of low pressure is developing from Yunnan to NE China.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate Easterly winds. Partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 70.6 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 58.4 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 6.7 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—125.0 mm.=5.04 ins. as against an average of 84.6 mm.=3.33 ins.

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Wind Direction	E	E
Wind Force	10	17 knots.
Tides:—	Time	Ht.
High	1151	5.5
"	2347	5.4
Low	0553	2.0
"	1900	2.0

China's Mint

China's Central Mint at Shanghai has started its machines rolling on orders from the Finance Ministry to turn out silver coins in support of an economic reform programme. The mint erected four large machines for embossing process, said to have been brought from Kunming to Shanghai recently with a large cargo of silver bullion. The picture shows a large number of silver discs made at the mint in each weighing 26.697 grams and ready to serve as cash as soon as they are embossed.—(AP Photo)

CHINESE CAR OWNERS URGED TO JOIN HKAA

An appeal to Chinese car owners to join the Hong Kong Automobile Association was made at its second annual general meeting, held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, yesterday.

Mr. D. H. Blake, President of the Association, said there were about 800 on the roster as against 1,200 before the war. Of this number barely 250 are Chinese. There must be between 6,000 and 7,000 car owners in the Colony, of whom more than 70 per cent are Chinese.

The poor response from the motoring public has had its effect in two ways, first on finance, and secondly on the status of the Association.

On more than one occasion the authorities had refused to regard the Association as representing the motoring public.

As an instance of this Mr. Blake mentioned an application the Association made to the police some months ago for a car park reserved for cars of medical practitioners. The reply from the police was sent not to the Association, but to the British Medical Association, stating that if an application would be made by the British Medical Association, the matter would be considered.

Car parking was still one of the most difficult problems. The police had refused to mark out certain parks for the Association, though its watchers were allowed to be on duty.

No member of the Association has been invited to sit on the Traffic Control Board.

A break-down car is now on the roads on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, both in Hong Kong and in the New Territories to render assistance where necessary.

Rebate on insurance premiums, which was a feature before the war, is now discontinued by the insurance companies.

International driving licences are again available and members desiring to obtain these are requested to communicate with the secretaries of the Association, Messrs. Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co.

Expenses High

Turning to the accounts, Mr. Blake said expenses had increased out of all proportion to pre-war figures. The monthly expenses were $2,500 as against an income of only $1,600, and the Association has had to draw upon reserves to meet the monthly loss of $900.

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Inflation Complicates Bible Sales In China

One of the world's oldest best sellers is running into distribution difficulties in China, it was learned here today.

The Reverend W. J. Plett, General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who arrived in the Colony on Wednesday by BOAC plane from London, told the press that China's inflation had boosted costs to three or four times what they were before the war.

The Society now has to rely largely on voluntary aid to ensure distribution of the Bible. Before the war with Japan it had 350 colporteurs or Bible peddlers, as the Rev. Plett describes them. Today it has only 10 such men.

That is only one of the problems with which the Rev. Plett will be concerned during his visit in the Far East. He also hopes to establish in China a China Bible Society, with a Chinese committee and executive.

"Our aim is to establish one in each country," explained the Rev. Plett. "We have just begun the India Bible Society in India."

It is the task of the Society in each country to assess the needs of the people, so that an adequate number of copies of the Bible may be placed on sale in each country in the language of the people concerned.

The British and Foreign Bible Society prints the Bible in Shanghai for China. It is printed in Mandarin and various Chinese dialects, the Rev. Plett said.

"Before the war we printed more copies of the Bible in Shanghai than in any other city in the world," declared the General Secretary.

The Rev. Plett, who came to Hong Kong to complete the work of Dr. Temple, who died here on November 30 last year, said he expects to visit Canton and Shanghai shortly and also hopes to go to Chungking and Kunming.

He would venture no guess as to what difficulties might be encountered eventually in areas under Chinese Communist control. To date, however, they have not had any trouble in Peiping he said.

The Rev. Plett, a veteran of some 20 years Bible selling in South Africa and a newcomer to the Far East, has high hopes for the Chinese Bible Society and for the eventual wide distribution of the Bible in China. They expect to produce 1,250,000 Chinese language Bibles in the next five years, he said.

The British and Foreign Bible Society an inter-denominational group works in co-operation with the Scottish and American Bible Societies in China. They are supported by voluntary contributions. Their object is to produce the Bible in a standard form and at a cost placing it within the reach of all.

At present the Bible is being published in 760 different languages by the BFBS, according to the Rev. Plett. It is published in braille in 40 different languages and a Chinese braille version is soon to appear.

"It's one of the world's oldest books but it's still a best seller," concluded the Rev. Plett.

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Lull In China Civil War Broken As Reds Attack

Nanking, March 3.

Reliable reports from Chinkiang, key railway town on the South bank of the Yangtse, 40 miles East of Nanking, said that 10,000 Communist troops had begun an attack on Shan-cha-ho, to take Kwachow, bridgehead opposite Chinkiang.

The Nationalist division formerly stationed at Chinkiang has crossed the Yangtse to reinforce the bridgehead and a naval force has been sent to Kwachow to defend the town.

Another report said that Nationalist reconnaissance planes strafed the Communist concentrations in Yangchow, Taichow and Chinkiang triangular areas.

Nationalist naval patrol vessels on the Yangtse river, East of Kowan, were said to have been shot at last night by more than 100 guerillas. The patrol-boats returned the fire.

Meanwhile, the United Press, quoting the Central Daily News reported from Nanking that the present China's civil war lull was broken as a result of a large Communist troop movement toward Sian, in Shensi Province.

The paper said the Communists, under General Peng Teh-huai, occupied Chingyang and Kuotuochen, 25 and 36 miles North and North West of Sian. Continuing their Southward march, the Reds reached Yungchungtien where gunfire was audible.

The Chinese Communist Commander in Manchuria boasted yesterday that nationwide, large-scale war is over in China.

A broadcast by the Communist radio in North China said General Lin Piao, whose armies broke the back of Government resistance in Manchuria, made the statement in welcoming to Peiping a number of democratic personages.

"War on a gigantic scale is impossible South of the Yangtse, the general declared. He asserted the civil war to date has cost Government armies 5,000,000 men killed or captured. Therefore, he said, the Nationalists cannot organise any strategic battle ground, fight a large-scale war."

Have The Power

General Lin said the Communist armies have the power to end the war within a short period.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, at a press conference in Nanking today announced that the Communists have agreed to talk peace with the Government some time after March 15 on a basis of equality, reported the United Press from Nanking.

The Premier said this new hope was brought back by Mr. Shao Li-tse and the unofficial Shanghai peace mission.

He disclosed that a special 10-man committee, headed by the Premier himself, had been appointed to draft a concrete peace plan for presentation at the forthcoming peace conference, which, it was reported, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Communist leader, informed Acting President Li Tsung-jen, will take place either in Peiping or Shihchiachuang.

Dr. Sun reaffirmed the government stand for honourable peace. Asked if the report of the unofficial peace delegates gave any indication that the Communists accepted the government basis for honourable peace, the Premier replied: "I cannot say that but they have consented to the proposition to talk peace on a basis of equality."

He said he would shortly appear in the Legislative Yuan to report on administrative policies and to answer interpellations but said he and cabinet members would return to Canton after they have completed their work here. He insisted again there never was any rift between him and the Acting President.

Referring to administrative policies, Dr. Sun said government was doing its utmost to lighten the people's burden, to stabilise economy and, to promote self-government.

The Premier said the government decided to abolish the food requisitioning system, and is mapping out plans to: (1) revamp the present conscription system. (2) reduce the present 5,800,000-man army to 2,500,000 men: (3) give more powers to local governments to enable them to discharge their duties; (4) reform the land system to a principle of "land to the tillers." (5) clean up inefficiency and maladministration.—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

Control Of Squatters Discussed At Meeting

Allocation of bathing sheds and the control of squatters and squatters' sites were among the subjects discussed at a recent meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

The Association considers that the proposed Central Fire Station on the mainland will not be able to deal efficiently with fire hazards. The sub-stations at Tsimshatsui and Laichikok should be retained in the opinion of the Association.

A full statement on the General Committee's last meeting, released by the Association yesterday, follows:

"At the last meeting of the Association, the main matters which received attention were the allocation of bathing sheds and the control of squatters and squatters' sites.

"Although several semi-official announcements have appeared in the Press concerning the control of squatters' sites generally, the Association has, despite repeated requests, been unable to obtain any indication of the official policy.

"In view of the vital importance to all Kowloon residents and maintaining the amenities of Kowloon generally, the Association will continue to press until some information is forthcoming.

"The situation with regard to bathing sheds has been carefully explored by the Association and recommendations have been made to Government. It is to be hoped that in the near future further information will be available to the public in view of the impending hot season.

"The Association has expressed the opinion that the proposed Central Fire Station in Kowloon will not efficiently deal with fire hazards on the mainland.

It was felt that the sub-stations at both Tsim Sha Tsui and Lai Chi Kok should be retained. Similar views have been expressed by other responsible bodies in the Colony.

"With regard to children's playgrounds, the Association has been assured that every endeavour will be made to make these playgrounds as safe as possible for children's recreation and to prevent their unauthorised use, particularly by certain irresponsible adults who will persist in using facilities provided for children.

"For the convenience of pedestrians crossing Salisbury Road near the Kowloon Post Office, the Association has been successful in obtaining Government's approval to place an island in the centre of the road.

"A number of other matters, such as the obstruction caused by the erection of shops in halls and stairways of dwelling houses, and traffic control were also dealt with."

Want Li As President

Nanking, March 3.

A move is now afoot to confirm General Li Tsung-jen's position as President of China to block Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's return to power.

At present General Li is Acting President.

High officials are sponsoring a suggestion that the word "Acting" be deleted because Generalissimo Chiang is presumed to have resigned permanently.

The Kwangsi provincial assembly in a cable to the Hunan provincial assembly voiced support of the suggestion.—United Press.

China May Return Ship To Britain

Shanghai, March 3.

Rumours that Nationalist China had offered to return the destroyer Lin Fu, formerly HMS Mendip, to Britain were current here today as Admiral Kwei Yung-chin, Commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Navy, spent a busy day conferring with foreign and Chinese naval officials, reported to be concerning the defection of the cruiser Chungking (formerly HMS Aurora) to the Chinese Communists.

No confirmation of the rumours was obtainable but certain Chinese sources said that Admiral Kwei had sought advice on how to prevent the Lin Fu from following the example of the Chungking.

These sources also revealed that for the past two days, Nationalist Naval headquarters have been broadcasting frantic appeals to the Chungking, at present believed to be somewhere in Communist North China to return South. Chinese press reports today said that the Chungking carried half a million dollars when it steamed off for North China. The money was the payroll of the crew and an unspecified sum for emergency expenses.

Other reports said that the Chungking has been sighted in the Gulf of Chili, making in the direction of Taku Bar, the sea outlet of Tientsin.—Reuter.

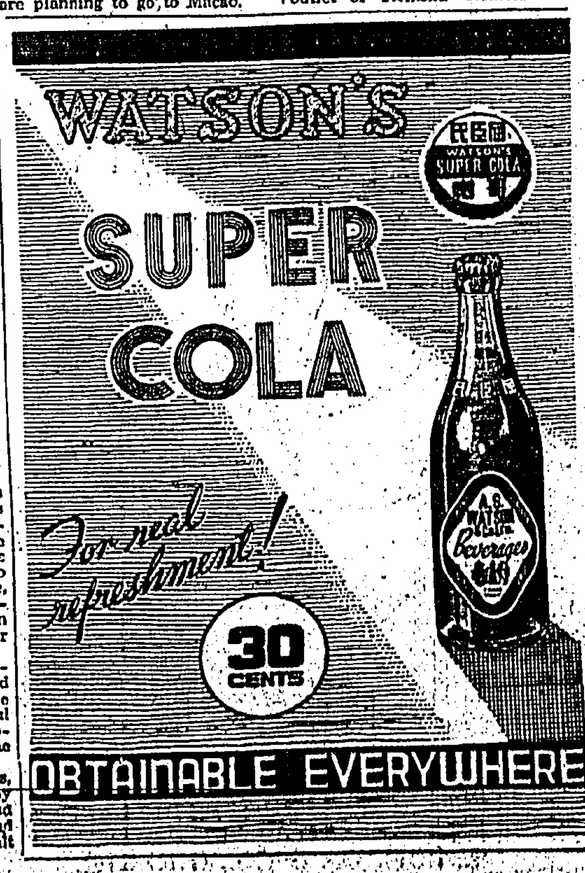
HK To Be Scene Of U.S. Picture

Mr. Otto Preminger and Mr. Philip Dunne, latest arrivals from Hollywood, told the press yesterday that they are here to make a survey of Hong Kong before producing a new picture for Twentieth Century Fox Movie Picture Corporation.

The new picture, which will be written by Mr. Dunne, will have the Colony as the scene of the story. Possibilities and impossibilities of the East meeting the West will be the picture's theme. Like many other Hollywood pictures this picture will be a love story.

Mr. Preminger is one of the ace directors of Twentieth-Century Fox and Mr. Dunne is a Fox playwright.

They plan to stay here for two or three weeks before returning to America and this week-end are planning to go to Macao.



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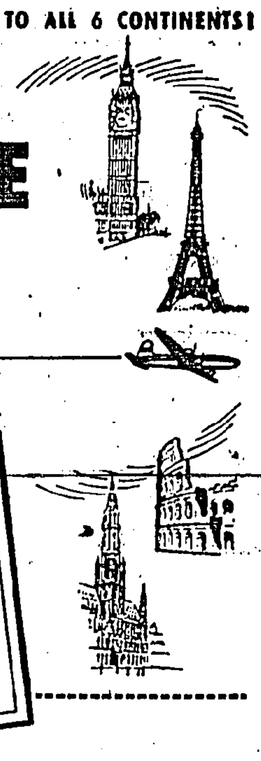

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PWD Chargehand Denies Sharing In Conspiracy

A suggestion by defence counsel to Ko Lin, PWD chargehand, that he was sharing in a scheme with some of the PWD office staff by which he was to do private contracts and share in the profits of such a scheme, was made yesterday at the PWD larceny trial.

Ko, a Crown witness, denied the suggestion.

Ko was one of several witnesses, who were giving evidence in the trial of Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector, Grade I, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

The first witness yesterday, Kwok Hop, PWD electrician attached to the Hung Hom workshop, and a clansman of Kwok Kwong, testified as to having brought the bill for $70 for the two electric fluorescent lights installed at the office of Lowbridge Shackleton and Company. He collected that sum and brought it back to Kwok Kwong, under whose instructions he had acted.

Kwok further testified that he went with Inspector Johnson to the office at a later date and pointed out two fluorescent lamp shades.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. J. Clifford, counsel for May, witness agreed that there were fluorescent lamp shades similar to the two in question being sold in shops in Hong Kong.

Counsel then went on to question witness further on the subject of the fluorescent lamp shades and the prices of these, after which Lai Kwan, another PWD electrician gave evidence as to the putting up of the two fluorescent lamps at the office at Prince's Building.

The next witness was Mr. H. W. Aitken, foreman of the electrical department of the Naval Dockyard. Witness said he went with the police to the two houses at Pokfulam sometime in August last year, and took down an estimate on the electrical installations there. The total cost of the material and labour used there amounted to $1,210.16, he stated.

Took Down Estimate

Aitken then went on to state that he also went over with the police to the To Kwa Wan Market and the Lai Chi Kok Hospital, and took down estimates of the electrical installations in those places.

Referring to the work at To Kwan Wan Market, witness said the work there was also partly completed, and that 100 yards of wire was used. This cost $40, he added. The total cost of material and labour was about $205.70.

As regards Lai Chi Kok Hospital, Aitken said that the overall cost for materials used amounted to $481.53.

Further cross-examination on the price of flourescent light at shops outside was made by Counsel.

Ng Kang, PWD tinsmith attached to the Wanchai workshop, said in evidence that part of his duty was to make shades for fluorescent lights. He testified that the two lamp shades exhibited in court taken down from Lowbridge Shackleton and company were made by him.

Lai Kin-cheong, assistant storekeeper employed at the PWD Wanchai workshop, gave evidence that 1,400 yards of single electrical wire were issued from the Wanchai workshop for a job at Lai Chi Kok on July 21 last year. He further testified as to the issue of materials for To Kwan Wan and Kowloon Hospital.

Witness disclosed under cross-examination by Mr. Clifford that he had worked under May in Wanchai for some time, and it was May who had trained him in store-keeping.

Materials In Order

Further questioned, Lai stated that by the time May left Wanchai, materials that used to be lying about were on charge and in order.

Mr. Clifford then referred to Lai's evidence given in the Lower Court concerning 1,500 yards of wire once lent out from the Wanchai workshop to Hung Hom. Counsel then asked whether witness remembered saying that he never received any covering Store Order Note for that. Lai replied by saying that the cable was on loan.

Lai further disclosed that that material was urgently needed at the particular time for a job. The material had already been issued to the job, but at the time the material was required May was not present. Therefore, witness stated, the 1,500 yards had to be issued to the messenger who came for it. The messenger then signed for it on loan only on condition that a covering Store Order Note would be issued at a later date.

Ko Lin, PWD chargehand of Hung Hom, testified as to the jobs at To Kwa Wan and Lai Chi Kok Hospital. He denied a suggestion from Mr. Clifford that he was sharing in a scheme with Kwok Kwong and the other office staff by which he was to do private contracts and share in the profits of such a scheme.

Corroborative evidence was given by other PWD workers, including B. Agafuroff, PWD pay officer, who explained the system of paying the workers.

Hearing will continue this morning.

Lorry Driver Fined $150

The case concerning a lorry accident which occurred on Pokfulam Road on February 21 came up before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

Traffic Inspector Si Wai Ning, prosecuting, said that the lorry, driven by Loong Tin-Wai was proceeding along Pokfulam Road on the day in question, at a high speed.

The driver applied the brake to change from third to second gear, when he lost control of the vehicle.

The lorry swerved and went over the right embankment with seven coolies aboard.

Two of the coolies in the lorry, Wong Wing and Wong Wah, were injured. The driver escaped without injuries.

Pleading guilty to the charge of driving carelessly, Loong was fined $150 and ordered to pay $70 and $30 compensation to Wong Wing and Wong Wah respectively. His licence was endorsed and suspended for three months.

GIVEN HARD LABOUR TERMS

Four men, convicted for demanding money with menace were each given one month's hard labour by Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. They were discharged on an additional charge of common assault.

Defendants were a youth, Sang Ma-kon aged 17, Lau Sai, aged 31, Cheng Chi-sing aged 27 and Ma Ming-yiu aged 27. They were charged with committing the offence against Chan Tsun, a hawker.

Indian Survey Plane Arrives

A Bharat Airways plane arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on a flight from New Delhi to Tokyo. The company plans to operate an air service between India and Japan shortly. No date has yet been fixed for the inaugural flight.—"China Mail" Photo.

Red Army Man Shot Dead In British Zone

Brunswick, March 2.

A German policeman last Monday shot and killed a Russian soldier who had crossed the Anglo-Russian Zone frontier near Eckertal, in the Harz Mountains, it was learned here today.

The soldier was pursuing a woman who had illegally crossed the border. He seized her a 100 metres on the British side and tried to take her suitcase. She shouted and a German policeman appeared. The Russian fired. The German fired back and killed him.—Reuter.

Alleged Defects In Charge Sheet

Defence counsel's objection to the alleged defects of the charge sheet, led to a one and a half hour dispute before Mr. A. D. Scholes ordered the case to proceed at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. V.J.L. D'Alton defending Tam Lin-chuen, charged with obstruction, pointed to the charge sheet which stated: "Tam Lin-chuen, you are charged that on February 17, at Waterloo Road, in this Colony, you are guilty of an offence....."

Counsel raised his objection on the grounds that to continue with the case on the charge as made out, would prejudice the case for the defence.

After recording Counsel's objection, Mr. Scholes said that the words in the charge sheet objected by counsel will be de-committed and defendant will not be prejudiced by them. He then ordered the case to proceed.

TALKS ON TOWN PLANNING

Three talks on town planning were given by Mr. J. T. Malloric, Town Planning Architect of the Public Works Department, at the Helena May Institute yesterday.

The talks, "Architects of England", "Development of the English Town", and "Westminster Abbey", were sponsored by the British Council at its weekly film performance.

SMALL FIRE

Last night at 8.45 a small fire broke out at a furniture shop on 239 Hennessy Road.

A few minutes later the fire was put out by a fire engine from the Central fire Brigade.

One sofa was damaged by the fire.

The 15th Reunion Dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will be held on March 19 at 7.30 p.m. in the hall of the College.

American Freighter Here With Dry Milk

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The American C-2 freighter Ocean Mail arrived here yesterday from the United States for the first time, bringing 540,000 pounds of dry skim milk for needy children and expectant mothers in China.

Because of the unsettled conditions up North, it has been decided to store the 2,200 packages in Hong Kong, pending distribution arrangements at Shanghai.

This is part shipment of the world-wide programme of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, of which Mr. Chas E. Terry, General Manager of Kowloon Godown, is the Hong Kong Honorary Representative.

More shipments of foodstuffs and dry milk are expected here, and ships due to bring them in next month include the Flying Dragon (170,000 lb. dry milk), Mongolia (107 cases of foodstuffs and medical supplies exclusively for the Anti T.B. Campaign), Fernfield (742 cases of dry milk and 33 cases of medical supplies) and Norman Lykes (3,000 bales of cotton).

Although most of the shipments are generally marked for China, the lot carried by the Norwegian motorship Fernfield has been specifically allocated to Chinese Communist areas in the North. This will be the first shipment.

The 742 cases of dry milk and 33 cases of medical supplies will remain in the Kowloon Godown, after being unloaded from the ship. Negotiations will be carried on between the China Mission Headquarters at Shanghai, the Liaison Officer at Nanking and Dr. E. Eloesser, who is representing the UNICEF in Red China areas.

Arrangements will also be made here to ship the required amount to the North.

HK Feeding Centre

"Plans have been drawn up to establish a UNICEF feeding centre in Hong Kong and today there are 500 cases of dry milk in the Government Stores, which arrived here recently by the mv. Aros," Mr. B.H. Fraser, Chief Shipping Officer of UNICEF, said in an interview yesterday.

"I am flying to Manila, the GHQ for the Far East other than China, which covers Hong Kong, to confer with the representative on matters relative to this," he said. There are no plans as yet to campaign for contribution here, he added.

Mr. Fraser is on a business and inspection tour of feeding centres in the Far East. He visited Australia and New Zealand recently, where he successfully arranged for the shipment of contributions there. Both countries have donated generously he declared.

The UNICEF executive conferred with the Shanghai GHQ representative recently, regarding operations of the China Mission.

"Working in conjunction with the Ministry of Social Affairs, the UNICEF have nearly received their quota of 166,000 persons and 150,000 children (up to 18 years) receiving milk and foodstuffs in seven operating areas," Mr. Fraser reported.

From the inauguration last August up to January this year, more than 30,000 infants from birth to one year had been fed (Shanghai: 6,480; Peiping: 6,222, and Tientsin: 5,468).

Beginning last November, the rice-fat diet programme by UNICEF-MOSA has helped 119,526 persons (Tientsin: 24,989; Peiping: 24,046, and Shanghai: 21,134).

Impressed

"I am very much impressed by the smooth running of the centres, and, above all, their hygienic environments," Mr. Fraser remarked.

Established on December 11, 1946, as an intergral part of the United Nations by resolution of the General Assembly, the UNICEF gives direct aid to children and for child-health purposes generally, on the basis of need without discrimination because of race, creed, nationality, social status or political belief.

"We have collected up to date US$120,000,000 from 25 Governments, whose representatives compose the Executive Board," Mr. Fraser said.

In providing aid, special consideration is given to pregnant and nursing mothers, infants, pre-school children and children of school age, including adolescents. UNICEF world-wide programmes are developed through maternal and child-health centres, milk stations, school lunch service homes for war orphans, day nurseries and other group centres.

MR. B. H. FRASER

China has centres at Canton, Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, Tsingtao, Peiping and Tientsin.

"Expansion has gone relatively slowly in order that the work can be supervised adequately. However, field directors feel on the whole the supplies got to the children and needy persons in China," Mr. Fraser concluded.

CHINESE CAR OWNERS URGED TO JOIN HKAA

(Continued from Page 1)

"Unless our membership increases, the Association will not be able to carry on beyond the present year," said Mr. Blake. "Surely it is not too much to obtain 2,000 motorists to join the Association."

The appeal for Chinese members was endorsed by Mr. T.B. Wilson who said before the war the majority of members were Chinese. He urged that non-Chinese members should urge their Chinese friends to join up. As their support was needed.

Colonel Brasier Crengh suggested that car dealers should be asked to assist the Association by urging buyers to become members.

Mr. Wallace Harper promised to get his firm to assist and also to enlist the help of other dealers.

A member suggested that Government permission be sought to turn the Murray Parade Ground into an Association's car park, but the Chairman replied that apart from the fact that the ground was leased to the Military, even if it was to be used as a car park, Government would insist on its use by the general public because it was on Crown land.

After the annual report and accounts were adopted election of officers for the ensuing year followed.

Colonel E.C. Frederick was unanimously elected President, and Dr. Arthur Woo, Vice-President.

Mr. V.E. Ferrier was re-elected Secretary.

Members of the new committee were Messrs. D.H. Blake, Leo d'Almada, A. el Arculli, Alfred S.U. Ho, Fung Ping-fan, D.S. Robb, H. Cleland, I.A. Stericker, J.D. Clague and Dr. Lee Hah-liong.

STRIKE ENDED

The strike of more than 100 workers of the Moyar Silk Mills ended yesterday when an agreement was reached over a dispute with the management over the supply of food.

The workers will return to their works today.

Sub-Tenants Testify In Rent Case

Sub-tenants gave evidence in the Bluestein rent case as hearing resumed before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant in the case is Mrs. Hsia Bluestein, principal tenant of 102 Waterloo Road, represented by Mr. Percy Chen.

Ten summonses in respect of the Landlord and Tenancy Ordinance were preferred against Mrs. Bluestein by three former sub-tenants through Mr. A.S.C. Comber of Hastings and Company.

The summonses alleged that defendant received rental from the sub-tenants but failed to give notice as to rent payable by them. She was also alleged to have failed to affix notice stating rental payable by herself to the landlord and rents to be paid by sub-tenants.

In his evidence yesterday Mr. B.E. Pye said that he paid defendant $300 a month for one unfurnished room, the use of the bathroom and kitchen. He had use of the gas cooker but was required to pay an extra $35 each month. All negotiations had been completed with defendant.

Cross-examined by Mr. Chen, Pye said that he was now living at Kadoorie Avenue, at which place he now pays $500 each month which includes three meals a day. He said that he had found the defendant with an attitude to dictate to things.

Pye admitted that defendant's amah cleaned up his room for him and did his washing. He paid her $40 a month for the service.

Mr. W. McBride said that he entered into negotiations with defendant on tenancy but did not state the length of time he was to stay. He said that he was awaiting official accommodation from the Admiralty. He paid defendant $300 a month during his tenancy at 102 Waterloo Road from January to October 1948. His laundry and room cleaning was serviced by defendant's amah to whom he paid $50 each month until his wife arrived in the Colony.

Mr. C.J. de Graff said that he had several quarrels with defendant. This had arisen when defendant he said, wanted to use his bathroom. The question of food had also brought about arguments. And on one occasion when he returned home late from a party he had found defendant and friends in his room.

Cross examined by Mr. Chen, de Graff said that he was not Jewish. He denied having made allegations about Hitler and the Jewish people. He said further, in answer to questions put by Mr. Chen that he was in Holland during the war and had been deported to Germany into forced labour camps.

The landlord's agent, when called to the witness box, stated that the rent for 102 Waterloo Road ground floor is $175 per month and always had been that amount.

He said that in the early days of Mrs. Bluestein's tenancy, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bluestone brought him the rent. After that defendant had been coming to him with the rental.

At this stage the case was adourned.

70 FISHERMEN DROWNED IN GALE

More than 70 men, women and children were drowned on Monday when a sudden storm sweeping across Mirs Bay overturned a number of fishing junks.

The belated reports received in Hong Kong yesterday said many junks were smashed on the rocks at Hachung and Autau, two fishing villages on the North-East shores of Mirs Bay.

The reports added that seven bodies, including that of two women, have been washed ashore.

The casualties are expected to increase when reports from other fishing villages are made to the Chinese authorities, said the reports.

Reminders

Today

Shanghai Kedah Plantations Limited, annual general meeting, 601-606 Marina House, 12 noon.

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. annual general meeting, 12 noon.

HK Stage Club presents "The Guinea Pig", China Fleet Club, 7.30 p.m.

Talk on "Some Notes on the Portuguese in Hong Kong" by Mr. Leo D'Almada, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

International and Interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer, St. John's Cathedral, 3 p.m.

Polo and Hunt Club Subscription Ball, Flagstaff House, 9 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK & Shanghai Banking Corporation, annual general meeting, 11.30 a.m.

King George V School, annual sports, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

HK Art Club sketching class, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Classical Concert, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, Maddonell Road, 8.30 p.m.

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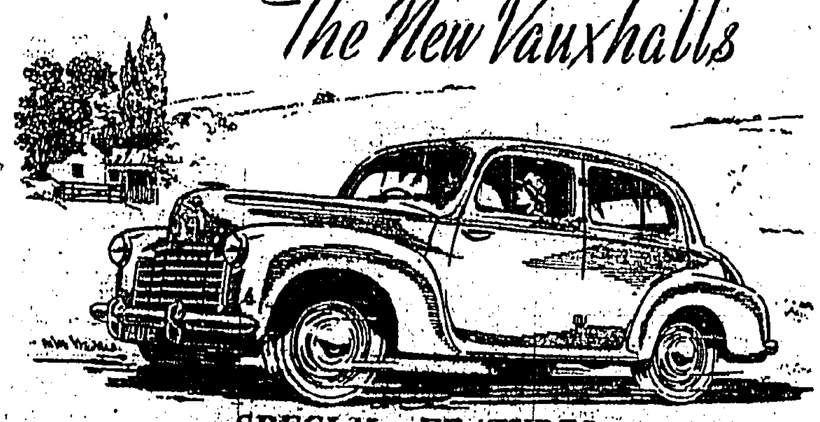

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Local Women Asked To Take Interest In Legal Matters

The women of Hong Kong should cease to regard the field of law as man's exclusive property, according to Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice of the Colony.

In a speech to the members of the Hong Kong Council of Women at the Duddell Street YWCA on Thursday evening, Sir Leslie urged local women to take a more active part in legal matters in the Colony.

Sir Leslie warned that two somewhat delicate questions should be answered first. These are whether women have or can acquire the legal approach, and whether women really respect the law.

He pointed out that the prerequisite of the legal approach is a disciplined mind—a mind which weighs both sides of a question and considers only the actual facts relevant to the decision.

"To those who think that the legal approach is dry and inhuman", he added, "I would answer that while emotion as such cannot help to solve any intellectual problem, human understanding and sympathy play a very big part in the working of the law."

Sir Leslie went on to say that the women of Hong Kong represent a powerful body of public opinion which should be brought to bear on proposals for new legislation and on the working of the judicial machinery.

"Constructive and considered criticism is always valuable" said Sir Leslie, "and I think that women should abandon the tradition, in so far as they have not done so already, that laws and legal documents are outside their comprehension and are peculiarly the business and concern of men."

Sir Leslie said he thought the best results were obtained in legal matters the opinions of men and women were combined.

"Why it is in Hong Kong that so few women take up the study of law?" asked the Chief Justice.

He pointed out that elsewhere in the world today women have not only entered the profession but are occupying some important positions in it.

"The study of the law is worthwhile even for those who do not intend to practice", he said.

Sir Leslie expressed the hope that the number of women on the jury lists in Hong Kong would continue to grow from the present 2,500.

"Justice service is a valuable contribution which you can make in this colony in the field of law," he told the audience.

"There is room for more women Justices of the Peace, both to sit in the ordinary courts and in the juvenile courts. In the juvenile courts particularly, their services would be most useful.

"Women who sit as lay Justices will not, at least at first, find themselves trying the more complicates cases," he added, but they will be gaining valuable insight into the law and the proceduce of the courts and they will have both a feeling of responsibility and a growing interest in their work."

In conclusion, Sir Leslie told his women listeners: "You not only can but ought to take as equar an interest in things legal as men do, and not look upon them as a male headache."

Dairy Farm Dispute Settled

The threatened strike of Dairy Farm farm workers which was to start yesterday noon, was averted, after a settlement was reached between the men and the management. The Company agreed to reinstate the three men who had been convicted of intimidation, and also the man who was discharged by the Court. Bonds for the three men in police custody is to be put up by the Dairy Farm Chinese Workers' Association. The foreman involved in the dispute is to be transferred.

Burma Will Not Rejoin C'Wealth

Rangoon, March 3.

Burma does not contemplate rejoining the British Commonwealth, a Burmese Government spokesman said today.

Commenting on the statement at New Delhi by Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian External Affairs Minister, that he believed Burma would rejoin the Commonwealth, the spokesman said that Burma's conditions would not be improved by entering the Commonwealth.

Malaya was an illustration of this, he said, but Burma would co-operate with the Commonwealth in matters of mutual interest.

He reiterated the Burma Government's earnest desire to maintain cordial relations with Britain. "The British Labour Party's magnanimous attitude towards Burma is rapidly converting many anti-British elements in Burma to a belief that Britain is Burma's best friend," he said.—Reuter.

Mr. Harmon Speaker At Rotary Tiffin

Speaker at the Kowloon Rotary tiffin at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday was Mr. Gordon Harmon. He spoke on his extensive travels through North China.

Mr. Harmon kept his listeners amused with his many anecdotes describing his experiences of the primitive manner by which he made the journey.

There was the time, he recalled, when he quite unknowingly played host to a bandit chieftain who wholly consumed his stock of tinned food stuff, slept on his camp and left the next morning leaving behind an armoured guarantor.

This man was to see him safe from other bandits while on his way. They soon came across a caravan. But the armed guarantor proved useless even before both found out that the caravan was headed by some Catholic priest and included Somerset Maugham.

Rotarian J. Macfarlane brought the members attention to the newly formed Kowloon Trachoma Clinic, sponsored by the Kowloon Rotary Club.

Members were thanked for their contributions to the clinic. They included Mr. J. Moodie who arranged for a chair, desk and table, Mr. S. Shield, dental chair and rubber sheeting, Dr. T.J. Hun, cabinet and stationery. Mr. C.F. Wood, clinic sign and spot light; Mr. W.T. Grimsdale, stationery and towels. and Mr. J. Macfarlane, wooden benches.

Guests at the tiffin were Messrs. J.P. Inglis, A.R. Buckley, J. Shormcroft, B. Murray, G. May, A.H. Munroe, J.G. Jones and A.J. Luff.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Slattery, Messrs. K.E. Albright, W. Gillard, V. Madarus, Royal Leonard, Yu Yu-penn, P.A. Ricker, E. Shrewsbury, L.R. Ulrich, A.A. Joyce, E. Hall, D. McLean, K.W. Swaine, E.F. Jenkins, and S.S. Griffin.

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Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Barkshire, Mrs. B. Barrs, Mr. and Mrs. Finnie, Messrs. W.E.P. Wiseman, C.S. Gregg, G.L. Flutow, D. Martin, J.F.E. Morton A.D. Crawford, S.G. Hill and L.S. Price.

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Messrs. Ha Chung, M. Su Pasquier, Louis Biron, M. Gouste, Chau Haoi, and Mrs. Paiseux arrived in the Colony yesterday from Saigon by Air France.

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Mr. and Mrs. A.J.E. Luff left Hong Kong for Shanghai by the ss Hupeh yesterday. Mr. Luff has been appointed Bursar to the Shanghai British School. In Hong Kong he was Secretary of the Sino-British Club and master at the Royden House school.

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Mr. S.H. Lindt was among the other passengers who boarded the ss. Hupeh yesterday for Shanghai.

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Messrs. J.P. Moyles and J.K. Blackwell left for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tsinan.

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Mr. W.J. Anderson, newly appointed Hong Kong Government agent in Japan, will leave for Tokyo tomorrow to take over from Mr. D.N. Kendrick.

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Mr. Des Raj, Senior Managing Partner of the Isharsingh Kirpalsingh and Company, Calcutta, arrived by PAA yesterday afternoon.

On his way, he has visited different offices and factories in Siam (Bangkok, Trang and Tungsung), Penang and Singapore. He will be leaving for Manila tomorrow on a general world tour by air, calling at San Francisco on March 9, and arriving at New York on March 11. He will then visit the United Kingdom and other European countries.

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The forthcoming weddings have been announced of the following:—

Mr. Charles Fedrick Andrews staff, of Dairy Farm, Hong Kong, and Mrs. Maria Valenzuela Nielsen, of 175 Sai Yee Street, first floor.

Mr. Mark Carrington Stockdale Revenue Inspector, of 50 MacDonnell Road, and Miss Dora Elsie Marchbank, teacher, of 42, Kennedy Road.

Mr. Alvaro Maria Guterres, clerk of works, of 161 Pratas Street, first floor, and Miss Saphira Ma Selleh, warden of Lai Chi Kok Prison Staff Quarters.

Mr. Anthony Raptis, merchant, of 8 Hennessy Road, first floor, and Miss Lo Mee-yuen, of 26 Easter Street, third floor.

Flight Lieutenant George Mitchell, of Officers' Mess, RAF, Kai Tak, and Miss Pauline Joan Shrimpton, of Treetops, Kenilworth, Close Banstead, Surrey, England.

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TB Claims Seven Daily

A daily average of seven people died from tuberculosis during the week ended February 19, according to official statistics released yesterday. Total deaths from the disease in the period under review was 50.

The week's figure brought the total for the first 78 days of the year to 356 deaths—more than four a day. Total Tuberculosis cases registered in the period was 851 — 127 in the week ended February 19.

In the week under review, 22 cases of measles with two deaths were also recorded.

Births in the same week numbered 983 as against 288 deaths from all causes.

PERFORMANCE SET FOR SAINT'S DAY

A performance in honour of St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of all Roman Catholic schools, will be held at the Seminary on Rosary Hill at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday.

The programme includes an overture by the Students' orchestra, two stage scenes, a talk on "St. Thomas through the eyes of G.K. Chesterton" by the Reverend Fr. T. Sheridan, sermon, and two performances by the Choir.

The function will conclude with a talk on "St Thomas and Beauty-Culture" by the Reverend Fr. F. Gutierrez.

A Jumble Sale, organised by the Ladies Recreation Club, will be held on March 30 at St. John's Cathedral Hall between 2 and 5.20 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Caravan Members

Sir,—I should be glad if you would publish the following:

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Occupation Deals

Sir,—As a layman and knowing nothing about law, and who is open to correction, I gather from the case recently judged that the seller takes the full brunt of the deal. The buyer has the property which was paid for in Yen, but he gets away with the property and the Yen while the seller has lost his house. Not so bad if it stops there, but what happens if the Mortgagees claim for repayment in Hong Kong Dollars, which they are entitled to do under the new Ordinance? Is it possible that the seller has to pay this, if demanded, while the buyer sits pretty?

Neither party could foresee the passing of the Debtor and Creditor Ordinance; why then should the seller be made the sole sufferer—can any legal brain enlighten me—the injustice of this seems to me to be entirely contrary to British law, and I cannot believe that the Debtor and Creditor Ordinance intended this.

I wonder if Sir Leslie Gibson can possibly envisage the state of fear and chaos which existed in Hong Kong during the Occupation, and whether he has asked himself how it was possible, during the Occupation, to make enough money to allow of the purchase of houses etc. etc. Surely that should have a bearing on a case.

I was in Hong Kong during the whole of the Jap Occupation and I am certain that no loyal person to the Allied Cause had any money to spare—there was no legitimate trading, no salaries, no law and it was all one could do to exist with prices as they were. Prices of all goods were fantastic as there was no control of any kind. I existed by selling everything I had.

Large sums of money during the Occupation could only have been made by collaborating with the Jap in selling looted goods, belonging in most cases to British firms or by selling stocks of goods at fabulous prices, or in plain English, profiteering.

Even during the Occupation anybody who displayed wealth and was able to buy houses, was immediately frowned upon, as an ethical way of making large sums of money just did not exist.

Another thing which has aroused my fury is cases where some sold their houses to Japanese during the Occupation at colossal prices in Military Yen, which they immediately converted into Hong Kong Dollars. When the British came back the property, of course, was Japanese and instead of putting the houses up to auction and giving the public a chance to bid for the enemy property, our kind Government just restores the property to the pre-war owners for a mere token, no doubt believing the pitiful story they put up that they were forced to sell. Even if they had been, they received payment—why then this generosity?

On the other hand, those who had overdrafts with the banks and who were pressed to redeem their overdrafts by the liquidators, had no alternative but to sell their property. The transactions were made in Military Yen, the official currency of the Occupying Power and these people are now presented with their pre-war overdrafts for repayment, plus full interest, in Hong Kong Dollars or asked to reinstate their original security.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in Manila, overdrafts and debts discharged in the official currency of the Occupying Power during the Occupation Period, were ruled by the High Court there to be valid.

Why the Government should favour one section of the community to the extent it has and penalise the other section to the point of hardship, is beyond comprehension.

I was under the impression that the passing of the Debtor and Creditor Ordinance was really aimed at persons or firms who amassed large fortunes during the Occupation by "fair means or foul". Also, against stores who by profiteering at the expense of the public, made huge profits and then wiped off their overdrafts in Yen, and that it was because of this kind that all pre-war bank overdrafts liquidated in Yen have to be paid again in Hong Kong Dollars.

What the difference is between paying an overdraft to a Bank and buying a house from a person who has paid an overdraft or mortgage to release the house, is beyond my poor brain—enlighten me, somebody!

"DUMB-BELL".

GARDEN TERRACE BURGLARY

Valuables, including 98 watches, gold teeth and diamonds, estimated to be worth $82,000 were stolen by burglars between 10 p.m. on Wednesday night and yesterday morning from the house of an Indian merchant, Mr. S. S. Chewaram, 9, Garden Terrace, second floor.

It was reported that the burglars broke into the house through a window.

No one has been arrested yet.

SOME HOPE!

"You mean on the boats at Aberdeen?" beamed an 11-year-old boy when Mr. Blair-Kerr told him that he would be taken to a place where he will be given food to eat.

The child was brought into the Juvenile Court on a charge of begging.

At a meeting yesterday the Directors of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company Limited decided to recommend payment at the forthcoming annual general meeting, subject to audit, of a dividend of $1 a share and a bonus of $1 a share, both free of tax

Hearing Of Fan Tan Swindle Case Resumed

Hearing of the Fan Tan Swindle case, in which Chu Yuk-chi, whose dead body was found in a trunk in Canton on November 18 last year, was alleged to have played a part, was resumed yesterday at Central before Mr. Hinshing Lo.

In the dock was Mok Man, who with others not yet in custody is facing three charges of stealing by means of a trick $3,000 and one piece of gold, and an amended charge of conspiring to acquire fraudulently such sums of money as he could induce from one Wong Pak-lo.

Yesterday's hearing was entirely devoted to the evidence given by Miss Wong Pak-lo, a dance-hostess of the Paramount Ballroom.

She related how after her first meeting with three men, Ng, Yeung and Chu, at the Paramount Ballroom on October 12, 1948, when she was engaged as a hostess, she became involved in a sequence of events, which led to a Fan Tan game being arranged.

The purpose of the gamble was to teach the nephew of a man called Chan a lesson, as Chan said this nephew of his had lost a great deal of money in gambling.

The service of an expert gambler, Lau was called upon, and he taught them how the game should be played. She contributed $1,500 and a diamond ring as her share of the capital.

Cheung, the nephew, was asked to come, and the game was played by her Cheung, Ng and Mok. After losing $27,000 in the first five games and $70,000 in the sixth game, Cheung staked $70,000 on the seventh hand, on the number 1.

Cheung Wins

The number should, she said, have been two, but after counting, it was found that Cheung won it, netting $210,000.

The next three hands of the 10 hands originally fixed were gone through with small stakes. After the game was over she found the missing coin under the tail of her jacket.

She did not think that this coin could have fallen by itself. During the game she said Chan and Chue were standing behind her, and Chan had assisted her in counting the coins.

Witness continued how after the game, candles and joss-sticks were burned and an oath of brothers and sisters taken, and a promise made that the matter would not be divulged.

She continued to relate how she gave another $1,500 to Chan to pay Cheung her share of the gambling debt still due him, and later how she handed a piece of gold to Lau for the purpose of raising money for another gamble.

It was later when she learnt that they had all gone to Canton, that she realised she had been cheated.

After cross-examination by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, the case was adjourned to this afternoon.

SWINDLING CASE IS REMANDED

A swindling case involving Yip Fuk-chor, alias Yip Pik-san, Lee Chung, Tang Man-kin, and Yip Ying-ho, all of Luen Fat Lung, No. 142 Connaught Road Central, was continued before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

It was alleged that defendants illegally obtained $20,000 from Yau Cheng-hwa.

Mr. M.A. da Silva, who is representing defendants, asked the court for a reduction of the bail.

Defendants are allowed a bail of $10,000, half in cash and half in surety. The case is remanded for one week.

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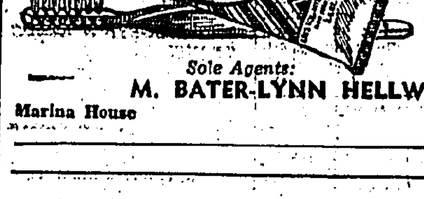

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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947,
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IN THE MATTER of Kwong Tai Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovenamed company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 2G Western Street, 1st floor, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co. of No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, the solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than March 30, 1949.

Dated: February 18, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN & CO.,
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NOTICE

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Applicants should be between 21 and 35 years of age, and preferably have had some sanitary, constructional, or electrical training. A knowledge of English up to school certificate standard is essential.

Application forms may be obtained on personal request at the Labour Office, Fire Brigade Building, before April 1, 1949.

March 3, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, 4th March, 1949, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 18th February, 1949, to Friday, 4th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5, 1949.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday the 5th. day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st. December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th. of February to Saturday the 5th. of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE.
Chief Manager.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE

On the 4th of March inst., Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro will deliver a lecture entitled "Some notes on the Portuguese in Hong Kong." This lecture will take place at the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street No. 16, at 6.00 p.m.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 6 OF 1949

HONG KONG WATERS

Victoria Harbour—Removal of Wreckage from Yau Tong Bay

It is notified for general information that, until further notice, underwater explosive charges may be detonated during the first fifteen minutes of each hour in connection with the removal of wreckage now lying in Yau Tong Bay.

2. The Masters of all vessels are warned that this area should be given a wide berth.

Authority.—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, March 2, 1949.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, at NOON to receive the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 to elect Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 14th March, 1949, to MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

B. C. FIELD.
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

THE VIBRO PILING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 14th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered office of the Company, 1st floor, York Building, on Saturday, March 12, 1949, at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving a Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from March 6 to March 12, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. E. d'ALMADA REMEDIOS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 28, 1949.

NOTICE
REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Father Gerald Kennedy, S.J., will be celebrated at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 at 8 a.m.

All past pupils and friends of Fr. Kennedy are invited to attend.

Dancing Girls Run From Fire

Dancing girls and school children fled from their bedrooms and classrooms into the streets yesterday when a fire broke out on the roof top of a building in Wanchai District.

The fire broke out on the roof top of No. 164, Lockhart Road. Old furniture and pieces of wood heaped near a chimney was set ablaze by sparks shooting out of the chimney.

When the fire alarm was sounded frantic students of the Kiu Kwong School which occupies part of the building and the inmates of a cabaret dormitory, rushed out to the streets. They thought the building was on fire.

The dancing girls were sleeping when the alarm was sounded. They covered themselves with blankets and overcoats and rushed out into the street.

The fire was extinguished by the Fire Brigade. The rooftop was recently cleared of squatters.

Order For St. John

Order by Mr. A. el Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 8 dated March 4 follows:—

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: March 6 to 12, SCAA Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: March 7 to 13, Kowloon Division.

Football Match Duties: Saturday 5: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m. SCAA Division; Boundary Street 4.30 p.m. Kong Wah Division. Sunday 6: Football Club 4.30 p.m. HKYMCA Division; Navy Ground 4.30 p.m. Wanchai "B" Division; Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m. Eastern Division; Boundary Street 4.30 p.m. Kong Wah Division.

Awards: A notification has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that all members of the Military Unit who were mobilised between the period December 8 to 25, 1941 are entitled to the 1939/45 Star, Pacific Star and War Medal. The Defence medal will also be awarded to those members of the Military Unit who did 12 months service during the period September 3, 1939 to December 7, 1941.

Meetings: There will be a meeting of the Equipment sub-committee on March 10, Room 505, Bank of East Asia at 5.30 p.m.

Promotions Appointments, etc.: Sgt. H.C. Chang pro. A/O Bin Nam Division w.e.f. February 25: Corps Officer L. Fearon, S.S., St. J., pro Corps Supt. w.e.f. February 25: Dist. Off. A. Rumjahn, S.B., St. J., to Reserve w.e.f. February 25: Mr. E.W. Perry apptd. Div. Supt. Central Division w.e.f. February 25.

Resignation: Div. Surg. Dr. Lai Pochuen, OBE, SS, St. J. w.e.f. February 25.

A large gathering attended the inaugural dinner of the Y's Men's Club last night at the Chinese Bankers' Club in the Bank of East Asia Building.

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ENCOUNTERING something unexpected during the play of a contract should make you sit up and think. If you had a well developed plan in the beginning, you must consider changing it. But don't change too quickly. Give the new situation the same kind of thought you used with the original plan. Maybe some inspired idea, which hit you when the surprise appeared, is not such a good idea after all, and perhaps you should proceed along the first path.

	S J 9 5 3 H J 10 D 10 5 C K 10 5 4 2	
S 8 4 H 6 2 D K Q 8 C 7 2	N / W E / S	S Q 10 7 6 H A 9 8 7 D 5 C J 6 3
	S A K 2 H K Q 4 3 D A 9 4 C A 7 3	

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 C
Pass	3 H	Pass	3 NT

Not everybody would bid 2-No Trumps on that South hand, but the bid should have worked out well in this case, and would have if South had not developed a burst of genius shortly after the play began.

West opened the diamond 7, the J winning that trick, the Q the next and the A the third. South had decided that by holding up the A until the third round and then playing clubs toward East, he could probably keep West out of the lead and make his contract—if East had the heart A. The plan was pretty sound, so South embarked on it.

Laying down the club A, South was startled by the fall of the J. He let that change his plan, deciding that East was more likely to have a doubleton Q-J originally than that West had four headed by the Q. If this was the case, he reasoned, he could clean up the whole club suit by dropping the Q with the dummy's K, so he tried that and was flabbergasted when East discarded a heart. Worse still, he was beaten, as now all he could score was eight tricks, with three in hearts, one in diamonds and two each in the black suits.

Even with the chance that East held the club Q, South should have finessed the 10 on the second trick. If that failed, enough club tricks would be certain to give him game anyway, without risk to his contract if the heart A was where it had to be. And it would have given him an extra trick if the finesse worked. In addition, the Q was more likely to be with West than East, after the fall of the J.

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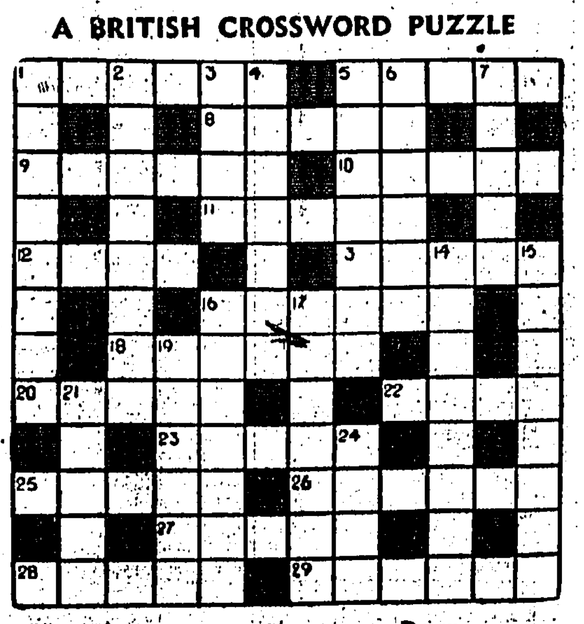
Your Week-End Question

Why should a rubber bridge player try in the bidding of a slam to put it into a major suit, if it be safe, instead of in an equally safe minor?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Fast pace.
5 Postpone.
8 Hitherto unknown.
9 Bravery.
10 Clear.
11 Mount.
12 Wreck.
13 Tries out.
16 Retiring.
18 Began.
20 Drive back.
22 Twist.
23 Implied.
25 Acquire knowledge.
26 Hold, swaying loosely.
27 Monsters.
28 Fashion.
29 Garments.

Down
1 Ruler.
2 Sweetmeat.
3 Responsibility
4 Part.
5 Expunged.
6 Dodges.
7 Decree.
14 Foreigner.
15 Quell.
16 Medley.
17 Settles.
19 Motor spirit.
21 Upright.
24 Job or work.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 3 Risk, 7 Spurn, 8 Emir, 9 Dupe, 10 Matador, 12 Plan, 15 Tenet, 18 Fine, 19 Rated, 21 Epics, 22 Save, 23 Evade, 26 Gulp, 29 Inertia, 30 Rite, 31 Zero, 32 Agile, 33 Wilt.

Down: 1 Appal, 2 Erratic, 4 Inure, 6 Diva, 9 Dome, 11 Dense, 13 Late, 14 Nude, 16 Trade, 17 Berg, 18 Fill, 20 Average, 22 Sane, 24 Vital, 25 Filly, 27 Used, 28 Prow.

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CINEMA WORLD

THE FOXES

In the "Foxes Of Harrow" Rex Harrison plays the part of the swashbuckling Stephen Fox who builds up a vast plantation, erecting on it a full-scale mansion, all for the love of the beautiful Creole girl he meets by chance and who is portrayed by Maureen O'Hara.

Nineteenth Century Fox

Frank Yerby found he had written a best-seller first try when his "Foxes Of Harrow" was published. It is doubtful if Twentieth Century Fox found any such phenomenon had occurred when they first issued the film of the same story.

That is not to say the film is bad. It has excitement, pace and some very good scenes. But it lacks the fire of the novel—mainly because the actors lack the fire of the novel's characters. You can judge for yourself at the King's next week.

Rex Harrison, as Stephen Fox, seems to have overdone the stiff, unbending side of the man's character, while Maureen O'Hara, though undoubtedly beautiful, seems waxen and stilted as often as not.

Too often during the film do the characters, particularly the leads, simply stand and stare at each other. Presumably they are meant to be conveying volumes with their eyes but one suspects the audience, seeking relaxation, would rather be told what is going on either in words or in action.

In case you have not read the novel, it is a tale of a swashbuckling dandy of the early 19th century who has a taste for gambling, a thirst for wealth and a positive yearning for a handsome Creole wench he meets while he is being tossed off a river boat for cheating at cards.

In a New Orleans gambling house he acquires a large estate in a smart piece of gambling with a German landowner. He then kills the gentleman in a duel.

Showing a zeal and capacity for hard work which make his past more of a mystery than ever the dandy proceeds to build a magnificent home on the plantation he has won. This he names "Harrow."

Having completed it he persuades the Creole lass, who has treated him up till then with all the cordiality one would expect her to show towards a plague-carrying rat, to marry him and settle down in the luxury barracks.

Misery piles on disaster as the marriage fails, the husband reverts to his rakehelling, a son is born crippled and later dies and the market flops rendering the estate penniless.

However, the physical rending of their world brings about a spiritual binding of the divided humans and all ends well. The book made all this credible. The film does not.

The Surgeon Does Some Cutting-Up

Since the war ended a number of Hollywood companies has spent much time in producing photoplays concerned with the sex-life (suitably veiled and sugar-coated, of course) of the American soldier overseas. Few have come up to the high standard of "Homecoming," next attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra.

In most films of this type the man is forced by the script to appear as shallow as a bird-bath and only slightly more intelligent.

He is represented one minute as an ever-loving husband delivering a gulping farewell to a tearstained wife. In a flash, or so it seems, he is over the sea and far away giving the old eye to either a battle stained hussy in slacks and a tin helmet or a sloe-eyed sylph in a backless, frontless and generally reckless evening gown.

This is all very entertaining, of course, and splendid material for a rollicking, pie-in-the-eye farce. Unfortunately, it is frequently presented as serious drama, whereupon it immediately becomes a pain-in-the-neck fizz.

Just as entertaining as any confection like the abovementioned, yet infinitely more satisfying in its rational approach to the subject and its general credibility is "Homecoming".

Clark Gable plays the part of a successful surgeon with a pate de foie gras practice in a midwestern town. His wife (Anne Baxter) and he are very much in love but lead fairly superficial lives on the social merry-go-round. They have remained childless voluntarily mainly, it would appear, because the good surgeon is unwilling to have children interfering with the pleasant pattern of his life.

While civilian clothes are still being worn a certain amount of friction is shown between the surgeon and his college friend (John Hodiak) who is a struggling doctor in the slum area of the town, an area in which the eminent one shows little interest.

Comes the war, and before very long the surgeon is overseas working night and day on battle casualties. On the troopship going over he gets involved in an arguement with a nurse (Lana Turner) who has ideas the reverse of his. In spite of her charms she is about as attractive to him as a handful of cactus.

It turns out that the prickly one is to be his helpmeet in the coming surgical battle. Here is the best part of the film from the point of view of realism. The surgeon does not take fits of amorous palsy every time his beautiful nurse approaches. He is far too tired and busy.

A considerable time elapses before he shows any signs of admiring the nurse for anything other than her ability and efficiency. He continues writing regularly and sincerely to his wife. Ultimately he realises that the nurse is more to him than he thought.

Both Mr. Gable and Miss Turner underplay their parts commendably in this section of the film and the result is a thoroughly convincing performance.

There are a few false notes before the end but they are covered by a sensible conclusion devoid of hammy histrionics and in which the sugar is sprinkled thinly. Miss Baxter gives a wonderful performance in her all-too-small part.

O'Hara Kiri The Answer?

In a recently published book "Popcorn On The Ginza," Lucy Herndon Crockett quotes a Japanese man as saying, during a discussion of American books popular with the Japanese, that "all Japanese women wish they could be like Scarlett O'Hara."

On being asked how the Japanese men would care for wives like the women were like the inflammable heroine of "Gone With The Wind" the gentleman replied, "We have accepted atomic bombing and defeat. But what you suggest is worse than either. It could not be endured."

LOVE IN UNIFORM

The handsome surgeon in the American Army (Clark Gable) little suspects when he first meets his appointed nurse (Lana Turner) that he will have his entire life changed by her. The complexities of his life, with a loving wife at home and a lovely girl by his side, make "Homecoming" a worthwhile film.

A Noisy Noise Annoys

Without benefit of preview, "The Small Voice," a British thriller made by Constellation Films, would appear to be a likely choice for those seeking something a little different. They should seek it at the Lee next week.

Based on the novel of the same name by Robert Westerby (this in itself is a good omen) the film deals with a young playwright and his wife being held prisoner in their home over a week-end by three escaped convicts.

Valerie Hobson is the playwright's wife, the gentleman himself being played by James Donald.

Their enforced captivity is shared by their housekeeper Potter (Joan Young), and two child survivors of a car crash, Jenny (Angela Foulds) and Ken (Glyn Dearman). Ken is taken ill and his suffering adds considerably to the tension in the house.

One of the convicts is successfully made drunk but the other two are not so easily distracted. Eventually however the cries of the suffering child prove to much for the uglier of the two, a fairly thorough-going villain named Boke, played by Harold Keel.

He takes drastic action to remove the cause of his distraction and a fairly interesting climax is achieved.

The film is produced by one of the new independent companies, Constellation Films Limited, of which Anthony Havelock-Allan is the chairman. As Valerie Hobson is his wife the film would appear to be quite a family affair.

Roxy Opening Now Uncertain

It would appear that the announcement made last week concerning the opening of the Roxy theatre may have been a shadd on the optimistic side.

The management say that they are making every effort to open on the date stated but that they are very anxious that the doors should not be flung wide for the first time on an incomplete building.

If the theatre should not open on March 9 it seems likely that it will do so very soon after.

'GOLD STAR' PRESENTATION

Those fans who voted for Ingrid Bergman in the recent Hong Kong Film News "Gold Star" ballot will be glad to know that the presentation of Miss Bergman's Gold Star to her representative has been arranged.

It will take place at the premiere performance, on March 31, of "Arch Of Triumph" at the Queen's theatre.

A pictorial preview of the film appears in this month's issue of Film News. "Arch Of Triumph" is based on the novel of the same name by Erich Maria Remarque, of "All Quiet On The Western Front" fame. With Ingrid Bergman in the cast are Charles Boyer and Charles Laughton.

The editor of Film News informs us that the two Gold Stars, that for Gary Cooper as well as Miss Bergman's, will be on display in the CNAC window in Pedder Street from March 15-31. They were to be shown from the beginning of March for two weeks but the postponement of the film made the change necessary.

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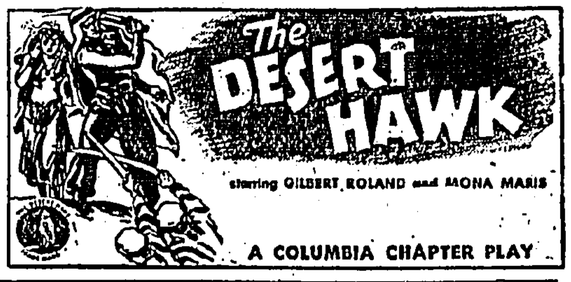

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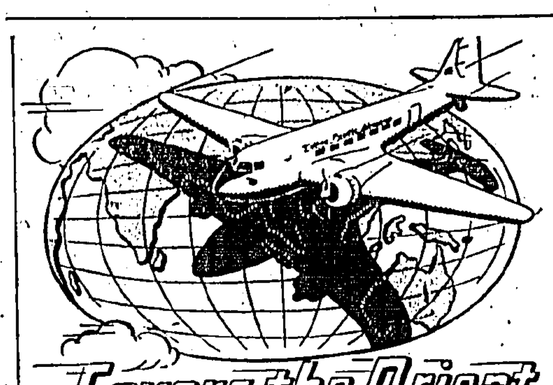

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BIRTH

HARDOON—At St. Theresa's Hospital, Kowloon, on March 3, 1949, to Rosalind (nee Ellezer), wife of Charles Isaac Hardoon, the gift of a son, brother to Rebecca Sally. (Shanghai and Bombay papers please copy).

PEACE TALKS

According to yesterday's reports from Nanking, the Communists will announce their peace delegates in about 10 days' time, and negotiations will take place in due course.

The Nationalist delegation from Shanghai returned home after talks with Mao Tse-tung, saying that their work was completed, and it was up to the government to carry on discussions. This dropping of the baby into their own leaders' laps may mean either a currying of favour with the Reds or an honest admission that the current Communist terms are no more than fair in the circumstances. It is reported that the victors have claimed the liquidation of Nationalist troops in the Peiping area along classic Chinese lines, calling this a pattern for the entire nation. Further, they have not denied rumours that they are easing up in their war criminal demands—for long an insurmountable obstacle to senior KMT members. The only reported exceptions are said to be the four powerful families — Chiang, Soong, Kung and Chen. T. V. Soong is now in Hong Kong, and H. H. Kung is in America. Others may follow, and various persons are believed to be trying to make Chiang Kai-shek follow their example. Such departures would almost certainly pave the way to peace.

The adoption of Nationalist troops into the Red army, and the offer to defeated officers either to return home or join the new flag, has also been instrumental in easing the tension. Apparently no one is being punished for fighting on the "wrong" side, and the treatment of the soldiery has both formed goodwill towards the Communists and relieved their opponents of an enormous social and economic problem.

But to the Western mind the peace negotiations are exceedingly hard to understand. It would admittedly be difficult for the successful armies from the North to cross the Yangtse, but by no means impossible, and the opposition they could expect from there on would be far from formidable. The Communists could lay down their own terms, and to omit the war criminal clause is going completely against character.

A study of the Chinese newspapers hardly clarifies the situation. True, in Shanghai and Nanking—and in Hong Kong, the pro-KMT Press has gradually veered round with the prevailing wind in typical fashion until they are nearly ready now to start cheering for Mao. And the Communist sheets, perhaps because this is China, are far from speaking with the single united voice so familiar in other parts of the world. The local "Ta Kung Pao" was yesterday still demanding the implementation of the original eight points of Mao's peace programme, although that individual is now said to be willing to waive the two unacceptable ones.

Other organs are even now claiming that the peace approaches are only a trick by the Nationalists to gain time.

From the confusion, only one clear development seems visible—that at long last peace is in sight. As victory for the Communists was inevitable, a compromise ending to the struggle is infinitely better than the expenditure of further blood and treasure. The world joins with most of China in hoping it will all be over soon.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

Mastery Of The Air

By Winston Churchill

In reviewing the measures taken in June and July, 1940, to forestall a possible German invasion, Mr. Churchill recalls that in 1914 he had formally declared that the Navy could at that time guarantee Britain against an enemy landing.

BUT now there was the air.

What effect had this sovereign development produced upon the invasion problem? Evidently if the enemy could dominate the narrow seas, both North and West of the Straits of Dover, by superior air power, the losses of our flotillas would be very heavy and might eventually be fatal. No one would wish, except on a supreme occasion, to bring heavy battleships or large cruisers into waters commanded by the German bombers. We did not, in fact, station any capital ships South of the Forth or East of Plymouth. But from Harwich, the Nore, Dover, Portsmouth and Portland we maintained a tireless, vigilant patrol of light fighting vessels which steadily increased in number. By September they exceeded 800, which only a hostile air power could destroy and then only by degrees.

But who had the power in the air? In the Battle of France we had fought the Germans at two and three to one and inflicted losses in similar proportion. Over Dunkirk, where we had to maintain continuous patrol to cover the escape of the Army, we had fought at four or five to one with success and profit. Over our own waters and exposed coasts and counties Air Chief Marshal Dowding contemplated profitable fighting at seven or eight to one.

The strength of the German Air Force at this time, taken as a whole, so far as we knew—and we were well-informed—apart from particular concentrations, was about three to one. Although these were heavy odds at which to fight the brave and efficient German foe, I rested upon the conclusion that in our own air, over our own country and its waters, we could best the German Air Force. And if this were true, our naval power would continue to rule the seas and oceans, and would destroy all enemies who set their course towards us.

Secretly Prepared

There was, of course, a third potential factor. Had the Germans, with their renowned thoroughness and foresight, secretly prepared a vast armada of special landing-craft, which but could land tanks, cannon and motor vehicles anywhere on the beaches and which thereafter could supply the landed troops? Such ideas had risen in my mind long ago in 1917, and were now being actually developed as the result of my directions. We had, however, no reason to believe anything of this kind existed in Germany, though it is always best, when counting the cost, not to exclude the worst. It took us four years of intense effort and experiment and immense material aid from the United States to provide such equipment on a scale equal to the Normandy landing. Much less would have sufficed the Germans at this moment. But they had only a few Siebel ferries.

Thus the invasion of England in the summer and autumn of 1940 required from Germany local naval superiority and air superiority and immense special fleets and landing-craft. But it was we who had the naval superiority. It was we who conquered the mastery in the air, and finally we believed, as we now know rightly, that they had not built or conceived any special craft. These were the foundations of my thought about invasion in 1940, from which I gave from day to day the instructions and directives.

As early as the end of June some reports indicated that the enemy's plans might include the Channel, and I immediately called for inquiry.

Prime Minister to General Ismay.

27.vi.40.

It seems difficult to believe that any large force of transports could be brought to the Channel ports without our being aware of it, or that any system of mining would prevent our sweepers from clearing a way for attack on such transports on passage. However, it would be well if the Chiefs of the Staff gave their attention to this rumour.

Anyhow, the possibility of a cross-Channel invasion, improbable though it was at that time, had to be most closely examined. I was not entirely satisfied with the military dispositions. It was imperative that the Army should know the exact task assigned to it, and above all should not fritter away strength in a sedentary dispersion along the threatened coasts or exhaust the national resources by manning unduly all the coasts.

In July there was growing talk and anxiety on the subject both inside the British Government and at large. In spite of ceaseless reconnaissance and all the advantage of air photography, no evidence had yet reached us of large assemblies of transport in the Baltic or the Rhine or Scheldt harbours, and we were sure that no movement either of shipping or self-propelled barges through the Straits into the Channel had taken place. Nevertheless preparation to resist invasion was the supreme task before us all, and intense thought was devoted to it throughout our war circle and Home Command.

No Sign

It will be noted [from a lengthy Minute on "Invasion" sent by Mr. Churchill to the GIGS and others on July 10] that my advisers and I deemed the East coast more likely to be attacked during July and August than the South coast. There was in fact no chance of either assault during these two months. As will presently be described, the German plan was to invade across the Channel with medium ships (4,000 to 5,000 tons) and small craft, and we now know that they never had any hope or intention of moving an army from the Baltic and North Sea ports in large transports; still less did they make any plans for an invasion from the Biscay ports.

This does not mean that in choosing the South coast as their target they were thinking rightly and we wrongly. The East coast invasion was by far the more formidable if the enemy had had the means to attempt it. There could of course be no South coast invasion unless or until the necessary shipping had passed Southward through the Straits of Dover and had been assembled in the French Channel ports. Of this, during July, there was no sign.

We had none the less to prepare against all variants, and yet at the same time avoid the dispersion of our mobile forces, and to gather reserves. This nice and difficult problem could only be solved in relation to the news and events from week to week. The British coastline, indented with innumerable inlets, is over 2,000 miles in circumference, without including Ireland. The only way of defending so vast a perimeter, any part or parts of which may be simultaneously or successively attacked, is by lines of observation and resistance around the coast or frontiers with the object of delaying an enemy and meanwhile creating the largest possible reserves of highly-trained mobile troops so disposed as to be able to reach any point assailed in the shortest time for strong counter-attack.

Spider's Web

When in the last phases of the war Hitler found himself encircled and confronted with a similar problem he made, as we shall see, the gravest possible mistakes in handling it. He had created a spider's web of communications, but he forgot the spider. With the example of the unsound French dispositions for which such a fatal penalty had just been exacted fresh in our memories, we did not forget the "mass of manoeuvre"; and I ceaselessly inculcated this policy to the utmost extent that our growing resources would allow.

The views in my paper of July 10 were in general harmony with Admiralty thought, and two days later Admiral Pound sent me a full and careful statement which he and the Naval Staff had drawn up in pursuance of it. Naturally and properly, the dangers we had to meet were forcefully stated.

But in summing up, Admiral Pound said:

It appears probable that a total of some 100,000 men might reach these shores without being intercepted by naval forces..... but the maintenance of their line of supply, unless the German Air Force had overcome both our Air Force and our Navy, seems practically impossible...If the enemy undertook this operation he would do so in the hope that he could make a quick rush on London, living on the country as he went, and force the Government to capitulate.

I was content with this estimate. As the enemy could not bring heavy weapons with them, and would speedily have the supply lines of any lodgements cut, the invading strength seemed even in July to be well within the capacity of our rapidly improving army. I remitted the two documents to the Staffs and Home Command.

Minute By The Prime Minister 15.vii.40.

The Chiefs of Staff and Home Defence should consider these papers. The First Sea Lord's Memorandum may be taken as a working basis, and although I personally believe that the Admiralty will in fact be better than their word, and that the invaders' losses in transit would further reduce the scale of attack, yet the pre-

(Continued On Page 11)

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S. K. LEE

Lesson 27.

Vocabulary:

147.	(t'oi) ₁toy (or) toy²	A table.
148.	(i) yee²	A chair.
149.	(muk) ₃mook	Wood. Wooden.

Useful phrases:

(17)	Gah¹ see¹	Furniture.
(18)	₃Haam ₃baang ₃laang	All.

Combinations:

1.	Seh² ₃dzee toy².	A desk.
2.	Tsaan¹ toy²	A dining table.
3.	Mook toy²	A wooden table.

Conversation:

A.	₂Ngaw ₂yau gaan¹ seh² ₃dzee ₁lau, ₂daan ₃hai ₃moh gah¹ see¹.	I have an office, but I have no furniture.
	₂Ngaw seung² ₂maay dee¹ gah¹ see¹.	I want to buy some (furniture).
	Hai² been¹ shue³ ₂maaye hoh² neh¹?	Where is a good place to buy?
B.	₂Ngaw ₁tung ₂nay hui³ ₂maaye, hoh² mah³?	Shall I go with you to buy it?
A.	₂Nay duk¹ ₁haan mah¹?	You are not busy, eh?
B.	₂Ngaw ₁yee gah¹ ¹duk ₁haan.	I'm not busy now.
A.	₁Yee gah¹ hui³, hoh² mah³?	Shall we go now?
B.	Hob² hui³ lah¹.	Yes, let's go.
S.	Seen¹ shaang¹ yeeoo¹ mut¹ ₂yeh gah¹ see¹ ah³?	What kind of furniture do you want, sir?
A.	₂Leung jeung¹ seh² ₃dzee toy² ₁tung ₃look jeung¹ vee².	Two desks and six chairs.
S.	Nee¹ dee¹ hoh² ₁m hoh² neh¹?	Are these all right?
A.	₂Ngaw ₁m jung¹ yee³ nee¹ dee¹ ₃mook.	I don't like this wood.
		This is good wood.
A.	Yeeoo³ gay² daw¹ tseen² ah³?	How much will they cost?
S.	₃Haam ₃baang ₃laang yut¹ tseen¹ ₃yee baak³ mun¹.	Altogether $1,200.00.
A.	Deem² gaaye² gom³ gwai³ ah³?	Why are they so expensive?
S.	₁M ₃hai gwai³ lok³.	They are not expensive.
	₁Yee gah₁ ₃mook gwai³, ₁yun gung kwai³.	At present, wood is dear (and) labour is dear.
A.	Deem² gaaye² ₁yun gung¹ gom³ gwai³ neh¹?	Why is labour so expensive?
S.	Yun¹ wai³ ₁yee gah¹ ₃yeung ₃yeung ₂yeh doh¹ gwai³.	Because everything is expensive nowadays.

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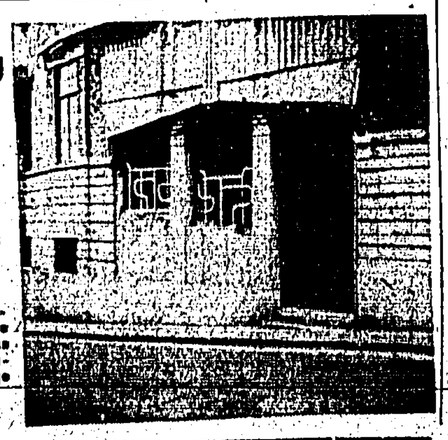

Can you recognise where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Seven.

Good Morning!

Another Russian atrocity. "Timber supplies have been short, so the Minister of Forestry, F. Montovilov, has been fired," says the London "Daily Mail."

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India may produce penicillin. That should help them deal with the Sikh.

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It is now possible of fly 10,000 lbs. of bombs from Maine to Moscow in five hours. The figure from Moscow to Maine is not available.

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You may know how to post books through the post, but they want ledger muscle in out here...

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Another of our wayward contemporaries: "Marjorie Evans was slightly bruised when a car struck her in front of the bank. George Baker, the driver, picked her up, and feeling her all over to make sure no bones were broken, insisted on taking her home where he could make a closer examination."

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Restaurant sign: "Customers who think our waitresses uncivil ought to see the manager."

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One of our artist friends who speaks Cantonese fairly well saw an aged coolie who looked like a good model. He offered the man $10 "If you will let me paint you." The coolie hesitated, and the artist urged that it was an easy way of making money. "Yes," said the old man, "but how can I get the paint off afterwards?"

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Examiner: "Name two ancient sports."

Student: "Anthony and Cleopatra."

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Adam and Eve were naming the animals of the earth when along came a rhinoceros. "What shall we call this one?" asked Adam.

"Let's call it a rhinoceros."

"Because it looks more like a rhinoceros than anything we've named yet."

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"He broke it talking!"

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NEW APPROACH IN FAR EAST BY COMMONWEALTH NATIONS

CHECKING SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN ORIENT

London, March 2.

The Commonwealth Governments plan to make a new approach to problems in South East Asia in an attempt to check the spread of Communism.

A high Commonwealth Government source said today that a decision to reach an understanding with genuine nationalists was the main outcome of the New Delhi conference on Burma last Monday.

Government sources said: "Australia and New Zealand participated in this conference and the Asian conference. Both meetings emphasised claims by Asiatic countries to settle affairs in their own continent and made it clear there should be unified Commonwealth policy concerning genuine nationalism as defined separtely from Communism."

The formulation of such a policy will be discussed at the projected Commonwealth meeting, either at Ottawa or Colombo, later this year.

"The United Kingdom Government would certainly consider such proposals with a genuine desire to bring them to fruition, but at the moment it is a question of policy to decide whether special arrangements could or should be made," said the sources.

Commonwealth Government sources said the decisions taken at the projected Commonwealth conference could prove more important than China's change to Communism.

They said: "It may even mean that eventually there will be a single Commonwealth representative at the United Nations. This would save individual Commonwealth countries from being dwarfed by the United States and Russia."

Developments point to India's eventual emergence as the key centre of a South-East Asian coalition to counter Communist expansion.

Middle Way

"It would be incorrect to describe this as any sort of regional bloc," one source said.

"It does not mean that the Commonwealth countries are concerned in a plan of unified armed intervention.—It simply means they would agree on common understanding on genuine nationalist aims in various South East Asian countries and believe this understanding could pave a middle way for countering Communism, which is exploiting genuine nationalism for its own ends."

In Burma, the main endeavour now will be to dissociate the Karen uprising from the Communist movement.

In Malaya, efforts will be made to foster movements already afoot for a Malaya Chinese Federation, prompted by responsible Malayan residents who have natural nationalist aspirations but who deplore Communist opportunism.

Defence Weaknesses

The projected Commonwealth discussions are described by Commonwealth Government sources as part of preparations for deployment of potential resources in line with the Western Union and Atlantic Pact. They recall that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, emphasised last month at the Western Union Council of Foreign Ministers: "We should treat Asia equally with Europe."

The first effects of that Council meeting are manifest in Indonesia and Indo-China, where the Dutch and French Governments, respectively, are making new approaches to the nationalist problem.

The same sources complain, however, of grave weakness in defence arrangements in the South Pacific. It is significant that General MacArthur's projected Pacific defences do not extend further South than the Philippines, they say.

Rice Problem

"Nevertheless, with a unified Commonwealth defence policy within the framework of the Western Union and the Atlantic Pact, it should be possible to deploy military resources so great as to deter any agreessor," they add.

These sources said it will not be too much to expect that Canada would agree and that India's difference with South Africa should not be allowed to prevent their co-operation.

Commonwealth Government sources said there is little doubt that India will decide to retain her Commonwealth ties.

The problems in Asia as a whole can be attributed to the single word "rice", they said. "It is the problem of 1,000,000,000 people pressing hard on the sustenance of their own soul."—United Press.

MORE REDS FALL INTO LINE

New York, March 2.

Communist leaders here today said that members of the American Communist Party will co-operate with all democratic forces to defeat the predatory war aims of American imperialism.

The declaration came in a statement which commended the remarks recently made by M Maurice Thorez and Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the French and Italian Communist leaders, as emphatically serving the cause of peace.

The declaration said that the American Communists will co-operate in an effort to bring any war begun by American imperialism to a speedy conclusion on the basis of a democratic peace.

The statement was issued on behalf of Mr. William Z Foster, Chairman of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and Mr. Eugene Dennis, General Secretary.

The Norwegian Communists must stand together with the Soviet Union in war as well as in peace, M. Emil Loevlien, Chairman of the Norwegian Communist Party, declared in a speech in Oslo today.

"We must stand in solidarity with the Soviet nation and the Communist Party in that country, which fights for peace," he added.

M. Loevlien, who is a Member of the Norwegian Parliament, was speaking at a Communist Party meeting.

The leaders of the British, French and Italian Communist parties have recently made similar statements.—Reuter.

Communism Losing Out, Envoy Says

Bangkok, March 3.

India's Minister to Bangkok believes Communism has lost ground in Asia because it is unsuited to the temperaments and aims of the people of Asia.

Mr. Bhagwat Dayal thinks that even China, after a few months of Communist rule, will evolve into a unified, nationalistic country, not an offshoot of Russian Communism.

"This is logical," he said, "because the Chinese Communists apparently include a great many dissatisfied but actually nationalistic elements which are sick of corruption and of the long war.

"The violence of Communist methods is also alien to the religious beliefs of South East Asia and even India," he added.

Mr. Dayal said that a trade treaty between Siam and India may be negotiated this year. Trade controls on Siamese rice and on Indian textiles and gunny bags at present limit extensive commerce between the two countries.—Associated Press.

CHINESE SAILORS WERE FED UP WITH CONDITIONS

Shanghai, March 3.

Disillusionment over the treatment meted out to the Chinese naval ratings after two years' life in Britain on a footing of equality with British "tars" is believed to be at the core of the disappearance of the pride of the Chinese Navy, the Chungking, formerly HMS Aurora.

In an interview with a rating on the Chinese warship Lin Fu, formerly HMS Mendip, which was handed over to China simultaneously with the transfer of HMS Aurora, Reuters secured the loose ends of a story of disillusionment and disappointment.

It was alleged by this source that half of the personnel of the Lin Fu and the Chungking had applied for permission to "visit their parents in the country" as soon as the ships docked in Shanghai after the voyage from England.

In most cases, the request to "visit the country" underlined an attempt to break away from the Chinese naval life because of disillusionment over the condition of service in China compared to that in Britain.

The rating said patriotism and determination to pursue the Nationalist cause was fanned all the way from England to China, but here reaction set in.

Shocked Dismay

In Singapore, the Chinese community accorded the ships a spontaneous welcome. In Hong Kong, a great furore was created over their arrival.

In Shanghai, however, with all links with Britain and the outside world finally broken, the regime of the Chinese Navy swiftly began to assert itself, with the result that the standards of the Royal Navy were speedily supplanted by the home brand.

The shock generated by this reversal of the standard, evidenced in the lowered income, the lowered rations, the cheap uniforms, provoked such widespread dismay, the informant said, that more than half the men realised the futility of their two years spent in England to learn the British naval code, which had been dumped overboard the first thing on their return home.—Reuter.

LICENSED HOUSES TO BE BANNED

Bangkok, March 3.

For the first time in its long history legal prostitution is faced with extinction in Siam.

The Premier, Phibun Songram, said a bill will be introduced in Parliament to abolish licenced prostitution and houses of prostitution.

The Premier said legalisation of the practice is having an ill effect on the Kingdom's morals and has proved a source of shame to prostitutes and families of prostitutes.

There are 95 licenced houses with 400 licenced prostitutes in Siam. Before the war there were 40 houses and 200 prostitutes.

The Government receives about 20,000 baht a year from the licences.

Prostitutes must register every three months; they must be over 15 years of age; they must have entered the houses of their own free will; and they must submit to regular medical examination.—Associated Press.

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9.05 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—"Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)
9.35 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Celius.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Double Bill (London Relay) presenting—Gladys Young in "A pair of hands" an old Maid's Ghost story by A. G. Brooks, adapted from a short story by "Q". "Louise" adapted for Radio by John Goldsmith, from a short story by W. Somerset Maugham.
11.10 p.m.—Interlude. "Kings of the Waltz"..... London Philharmonic Orch.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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MALAYAN BREAKDOWN NEAR, MP DECLARES

London, March 2.

Mr. L. D. Gammans, Conservative MP, today warned of a breakdown in the rubber and tin industries in Malaya if Communist guerilla activities continue there.

He has just returned from a visit to Malaya.

"Few people here have any idea of the conditions under which the small and gallant band of some 2,000 British rubber planters and tin miners are existing," he wrote in a letter to "The Times."

Mr. Gammans wrote that planters and miners are living in barbed wire enclosures with the knowledge that they are liable to be ambushed if they venture to the nearest town even with an armed guard. Many of their friends have suffered such a fate, he added.

"Brave men can put up with this sort of existance for a few months but there is a limit to human endurance," Mr. Gammans wrote.

He pointed out that last year Malayan tin and rubber earned more American dollars than the total exports of the United Kingdom put together.

"I do not propose to go into the reasons for the present trouble or to discuss the series of foolish acts and omissions on the part of the Government which have aggravated it," Mr. Gammans concluded, "but merely to warn the country that a crisis is at hand."—Associated Press.

Sabotage Trial In Athens

Athens, March 2.

An Athens military court has passed sentence of death on five of 12 students charged with acts of sabotage, alleged to have been organised by Communists.

The court automatically postponed the execution of Miss Krenti Pavlides, a Cypriot, who was sentenced by only three votes to two. Her brother was discharged.

The students were alleged to have blown up power poles, telephone lines and distribution boxes in the main streets of the city.—Reuter.

British Officers Swim In Arctic

Aboard HMS Vengeance, March 2.

Three British officers tody swam 30 yards in an air temperature of 209 degrees of frost to a rubber dinghy on the fringe of an ice-pack.

All three wore special suits, but two swam with bare hands.

They are Lieutenant Commander Lee Boyd Martin, of the Royal Naval Air Medical School at Gosport, Hampshire, who comes from Perth, Australia; Pilot Lieutenant D. O'Conell Newbury; and Observer Lieutenant F. W. Burgess.

Martin's hands were partly covered with ice on leaving the water, the temperature of which was only 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

The object of the test was to see if it was possible to swim with bare hands in such seas and then climb into a dinghy.

In another test today, a helicopter flew over a broken ice-pack, and pilot Lieutenant J. Jones landed on a moving ice-floe about seven yards square to see if it was possible to land and take off successfully.

In the swimming test, Newbury wore an airman's Arctic immersion suit designed by Martin, and the others wore inflatable rubber exposure suits.

All were attached to safety ropes.

Incredibly Cold

Declaring afterwards that the suits were a success, Martin said that he was sweating under his suit, but his face and hands were incredibly cold.

The suits will now be recommended as naval issue, Martin added.

The dinghy was also of a new design, having a double rubber layer enclosing dry air on the deck, which keeps the occupants warm while sitting.

During the test a helicopter with a rescue party and photographers flew overhead and a lifeboat stood by.

In the lifeboat two members of a safety survival experimental team, one with gloves, the other without, held their hands under water, and then unpacked submerged dinghies to see if this could be done in such circumstances.—Reuter.

CHINA GROUP JUBILEE

London, March 3.

The diamond jubilee of the China Association will be celebrated in London on March 4. The Association was founded 60 years ago on that date at the Thatched House Club.

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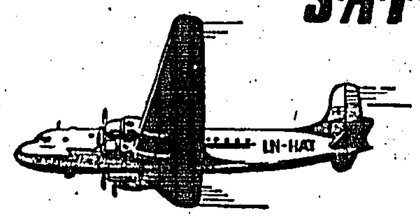

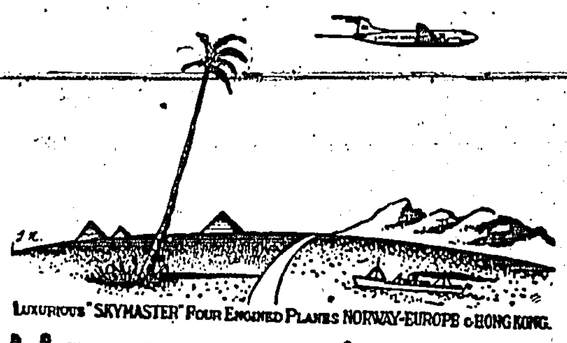

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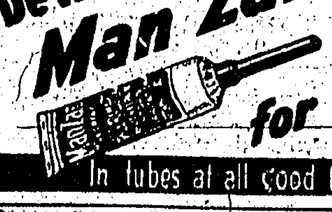

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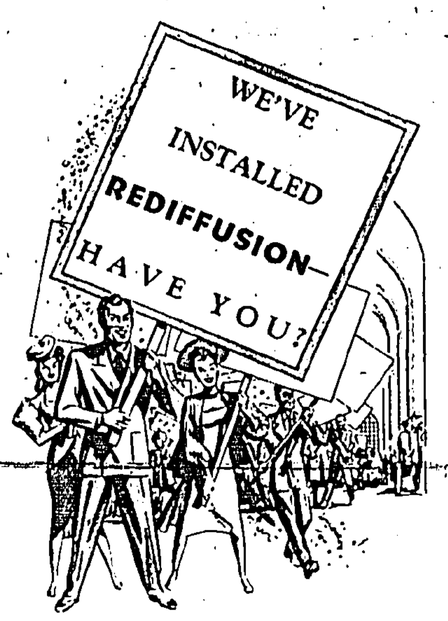

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Bligh's Barometer Still Being Used

Suva, Fiji, March 2.

The barometer of the Bounty is still tapped and read every morning by Ray Nobbs of Norfolk Island.

R.M.D. Towner revealed this when he disclosed that he has the soup tureen of Captain William Bligh, who was skipper of the famous British man o'war when its crew mutinied in 1789. The tureen was presented to Towner by Mrs Charles Fish of Norfolk Island, one of the direct descendants of the Bounty mutineers.

Towner said Mrs. Fish also has an autographed lithograph of Queen Victoria, sent to the descendants of the mutineers with her amnesty.—United Press.

RICE PRODUCTION STILL BELOW PRE-WAR AVERAGE

New York, March 3.

Rice production in Asian countries still is 6,200,000 tons below pre-war average, although planted areas equal those of 1939.

The Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations reported this yesterday.

Asia produces 94 per cent of the world's rice crop.

Thousands of Asians, FAO said, continue to receive only a fraction of the amount of rice they ate daily in pre-war years.

"Moreover," it added, "the danger of starvation is ever present among the millions who depend almost exclusively on rice for food."

The bulletin said the world production of paddy rice during 1948-49 totalled 145,000,000 tons. This was 2,400,000 more than the previous year but 2,900,000 below the pre-war average.

Consumption requirements have increased 10 per cent since 1939 in rice-eating areas of the world, FAO found. This is due to a 100,000,000 increase in population in those areas the past 10 years.

The bulletin also reported:

1. Wholesale prices of rice everywhere are around 300 per cent higher than 1939.

Small Surplus

2. Surplus rice available for export in 1949 is less than one-half the pre-war figure. This is because deficit areas of the world have increased.

At least 13 rice countries will be represented at the first International Rice Commission meeting at Bangkok, Siam, on March 7. They are Burma, Ceylon, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines and Siam.

Norris E. Dodd, FAO Director-General now visiting member countries in the Far East, plans to attend.

The Commission hopes to promote co-operative effort in production, conservation, international distribution and consumption of rice.—Associated Press.

Tropics As Producer Of Paper?

Los Angeles, March 2.

The tropics may replace the North countries as a producer of paper and pulp in the near future, according to Harry B. Manderson, Australian manufacturer.

"Every country has been cutting its timber faster than it grows, and as a result the whole world is over-cut," Manderson said. "But bamboo and tropical grass offer an excellent source of short fibre pulp suitable for making several kinds of paper including newsprint, and the supply is almost inexhaustable."

Mr. Manderson, who is returning to Melbourne after a trip to Sweden, explained that tropic growths spring up faster than man can cut them down. Australia and New Zealand are well on the way to being self-sufficient in the manufacture of paper, he said.—United Press.

London, March 2.

A jet engine powerful enough to propel a plane at more than 1,000 miles an hour is being tested at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, Hampshire.—Reuter.

Emigration Not The Answer To Over-Population In Asia

Sydney, March 3.

Emigration is not the solution of Asia's excess population problem, says the widely travelled Australian writer, Frank Clune.

In a discussion of the White Australia policy in the Sydney newspaper "Truth," the internationally known travelogue writer said: "For Asiatic ployment and food for their own people within their borders. They must learn that they cannot encroach, without war, on the lands of other statesmen, the political problem is to find em- people.

"Their problem would be made easier if they could inculcate the doctrines of continence and responsibility among their own people.

"This is not a problem for Australia to solve. We can do absolutely nothing to find 'living' room for people who pullulate indiscriminately, and are not assimilable into our own population. Our aim is to make Australia a Home for the White Race. We are entitled to do that. It is a policy which menaces no other country."

Clune said the White Australia policy is vital to national safety.

"Communists, with their fellow travellers, including some clergymen and journalists of the 'pink' variety, keep on plugging the theme that our national policy is 'unfair to Asiatics.'"

Clune attacked suggestions that Australia should establish a quota system for Asiatic migrants. A suggested quota of 1,000 yearly would result in 350,000 Asiatics in Australia in 90 years, he said.

Elementary Fact

The figures assume that the immigrants would be young adults, in approximately equal ratio of men and women.

"It is also assumed that these Asian immigrants would intermarry with one another and not with White Australians, and that the average number of children born to the women would be four. Assuming that the immigrant females are all young adults and that 500 of them are admitted per year, a statistician estimates that in 30 years the 15,000 women admitted during that period would have produced about 50,000 children.

"In three generations their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren would swell the total number to ten-fold the actual quota-number admitted. This is such an elementary biological fact that it seems a pity to mention it—but quota advocates deliberately ignore it."

On the basis of extensive travels in India, China, Japan, Malaya and Indonesia, Clune said that large families are the rule in those countries.

He said that the over-population of Asia is the result of reckless breeding by parents who, in general are devoid of any sense of moral responsibility to their offspring. They merely procreate to indulge their instincts, and do nothing, or very little, to ensure that their offspring will have the necessities of life.

Reckless Breeding

He added that in the majority of these countries the large majority of women-folk are merely chattel-slaves, without education or hope, who begin bearing children in their teens, and keep on bearing children until they themselves die, usually at an early age.

Attempts to reduce population pressure by emigration followed the success of modern science in curbing plague and famine death tolls.

"But," he said, "this is not accompanied by any attempt on the part of "nationalistic' Asiatic statesmen to inculcate the doctrines of birth control, by continence, or a sense of moral responsibility in parents toward their offspring.

No Obligation

"Hence, there is no moral obligation upon Australians to do anything whatever—by means of a trivial quota—to relieve the pressure of over-population in Asiatic countries that is caused by a lack of the sense of moral obligation among Asiatics themselves."

He claimed that wherever there has been Asiatic immigration, racial problems have arisen, and concludes that Asiatic people, because of language, religion and other factors, are not 'good settlers.'

"They do not assimilate easily with the people of other lands. The question is not one of 'superiority,' but of undoubted and basic 'difference.'"—United Press.

MUNITIONS FACTORY BLOWN UP

Istanbul, March 2.

Heavy casualties are feared in an explosion which wrecked a private small arms ammunition factory at Sutluce, on the East bank of the Golden Horn, here tonight.

Some 200 employees were in the building at the time.

The explosion shook Istanbul. A smaller one followed 10 minutes later. Smoke from the explosions rose several thousand feet in the air.

The explosion appeared to have originated from a fire from a chemical laboratory, setting off four store rooms of explosives. Several hours afterwards, the factory was still ablaze. The fear of further explosions prevented immediate rescue efforts.

Ten firemen who tried to approach were believed to have lost their lives. Police and soldiers tonight evacuated nearby inhabitants.

Scores of people were injured by flying debris when houses tumbled under the blast of the explosion. Windows eight kilometres away were shattered.

The Golden Horn is a four-mile wide inlet of the Bosphorus on which most of the city is situated.

The plant had been making anti-aircraft shells for Egypt and Syria.

A Government spokesman said the death toll will be about 15, but eye-witnesses saw far more bodies in the wreckage.—Reuter and Associated Press.

ROME CRISIS BLOWS OVER

Rome, March 2.

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, after a Cabinet meeting tonight, announced that the Vice-Premier, Signor Giuseppe Saragat, has withdrawn his resignation.

The resignation was submitted several days ago as a gesture of protest against criticism of the Government by a member of his own party on the release from prison of Prince Valerio Borghese, an alleged collaborator.

The Premier also revealed that Signor Roberto Tremelloni, Minister of Industry and Commerce, have withdrawn their tendered resignations.

The Cabinet approved the nomination of Signor Tremelloni as permanent Italian representative to the Committee for the Organisation of European Co-operation. He left for Paris tonight.—Reuter.

Red Propaganda In The Congo

Middlesburg, March 2.

The South African Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr. Eric Louw, told a political meeting here today that the Soviet Consulate in Pretoria had produced thousands of pamphlets which, he said, are being distributed among the people of the Belgian Congo.

Mr. Louw said trade relations with the Soviet Union do not warrant Russian diplomatic representation.

He said there are no Russian subjects in the country who need protection but yet the staff of the Russian consulate is of extraordinary magnitude.

Mr. Louw said there is no doubt that the Consulate is the centre of the Communist propaganda drive throughout Southern Africa. A special Russian courier travels to Moscow from the Consulate every month with secret documents, he said.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN'S FALL OVER CLIFF

Naples, March 2.

The Naples police said today that Dr. Nicolaj Polejtskyrov, aged 25, secretary at the local Russian Consulate, found dead on the seashore on Sunday night, fell accidentally from a 200-metre cliff. He was posing for his photograph at the time, they added.

A strolling photographer, who had been held for questioning was released today.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS BACK TITO DEMANDS

London, March 3.

Russia lined up with Yugoslavia yesterday behind a plan to create a self-governing Slovene province in Southern Austria.

Soviet backing of Yugoslav claims, renewed despite the Cominform's fight with Marshal Tito, sharpened the East-West disagreement in Big Four talks on an Austrian independence treaty.

The British, American and French Deputy Foreign Ministers at the treaty conference here joined in opposing creation of an autonomous province. The Yugoslavs said such a province is needed for fair treatment of Slovenes in Austrian Carinthia.

The U.S. Deputy, Samuel Reber, described Yugoslavia's further claim for annexation of an unspecified amount of Austrian territory as unwarranted and unjustified.

Russia also supported the territorial claim.

Western diplomatic sources are still hopeful of finding a compromise. The treaty discussions started two and a half years ago.—Associated Press.

Communists Join Karen Campaign

Rangoon, March 3.

Communists have joined the Karen rebels in an attack on Mandalay.

A communique said the attackers have taken up new positions below the river where they are running into Government resistance.

It said Karen snipers inside Mytinge are being wiped out.

An official spokesman said the railway town of Myingyan, 60 miles South of Mandalay, is in the hands of pro-Government Karens.

White Band PVO's have established a secret headquarters in Rangoon from where they are directing an anti-Government strike whose aim is the cutting from power of Thakin Nu and his colleagues in the Cabinet.

These PVO's, who fought the Government for five months on a difference of opinion concerning a coalition with the Communists, entered Rangoon two weeks ago ostensibly to fight the Karens at Insein.

Informed sources said that when the Burmese Government refused a fresh issue of arms and ammunition to the PVO they stopped fighting.—Associated Press.

RUMOURS OF NEW PACT WITH EGYPT

London, March 2.

Cairo reports that the United States has proposed a three-power alliance with Britain and Egypt were denied today by a Foreign Office spokesman.

"We have no knowledge of any such proposal," he said.

In diplomatic quarters here, the reports are considered highly improbable, since the United States Constitution prohibits her from taking part in foreign alliances. This provision can only be waived, diplomatic sources said, as in the case of the proposed Atlantic Pact, after the most delicate manoeuvres of internal politics.

Observers here said that an undercurrent of truth behind behind these alliance rumours from Cairo may be that unofficial feelers have been put out to revive negotiations for revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Alliance, following the return to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry of Ahmed Khashaba Pasha.

The Egyptian Ambassador in London is reliably expected to call on Mr. Ernest Bevin soon. An appointment for him to call at the Foreign Office yesterday was cancelled at the last minute.

Observers here said that though Britain and the United States may have discussed jointly whether circumstances are propitious for reopening negotiations to revise the Anglo-Egyptian Alliance, they considered it out of the question that the United States should be a party to such negotiations.

In Washington, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, described the Alliance reports as somewhat fanciful—Reuter and United Press.

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SWEDISH REJECTION OF SOVIET PROTEST

Stockholm, March 2.

Sweden has rejected outright the Soviet note of February 28 alleging that Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian nationals have been persecuted in Sweden, it was officially announced tonight.

A Swedish Foreign Office spokesman told Reuter that the reply met Russia's protest point by point.

"It is easy to do so," the spokesman added, "because all the facts are on our side."

He said Russia's note was not handed to the Swedish Foreign Office by a member of the Russian Embassy staff here, but was delivered by a messenger as a letter. For this reason, he said, the Swedish Foreign Office does not regard the protest as a formal demarche.

The Swedish Premier, M. Tage Erlander, told Reuter tonight: "No Balt, whether he be Estonian, Latvian or Lithuanian, is prevented from leaving Sweden if he wishes to do so. We would never hold anyone back who wants to leave Sweden of his own free will."

The Police Superintendent of Stockholm, M. Hasselrot, described the Russian allegations of abuse and threats against Balts wishing to return home as nonsense.

He said: "We will prevent no Balts from leaving Sweden, provided, of course, they are not guilty of any crime."

Interference

The Soviet note asked for the release of an Estonian, Erik Suurvaeli, arrested by the Swedish police on espionage charges. It said that the police authorities had subjected Soviet citizens to illegal interrogation, house searches and even threats and abuses, as part of a campaign to hinder the legitimate activities of the Soviet Embassy for the repatriation of Soviet citizens.

Stockholm Radio described Suurvaeli as an Estonian-born employee of the Soviet Embassy, who had pleaded guilty in a secret trial to illegal intelligence activities.

Swedish legal experts regard the Russian note as direct interference in Sweden's internal affairs. They said exit permits are unknown in Sweden because anyone, whether a Swede or a foreigner, may leave the country freely without formality.

They said that less than one per cent of the 26,000 Balts in Sweden had returned home in the past two years.

War Of Nerves

The Liberal "Aftonbladet," Scandinavia's biggest evening newspaper, said today: "The note is a reminder to Sweden that the world is divided into two blocs and is a parallel to Russia's note to Norway, offering her a non-aggression pact.

"It is part of the war of nerves being waged in Scandinavia."

The Swedish reply, handed to the Soviet Embassy tonight, said: "The Swedish Foreign Office received with great surprise the allegations contained in a Russian note, that Swedish authorities have tried through improper methods to prevent people of Baltic birth from returning to their home country in accordance with their wishes.

"The allegation that the Swedish police used such methods is pure fantasy. The Swedish police, like all the other Swedish authorities, has no desire whatever to prevent any foreigner living in this country from going to the Soviet Union if he so wishes."

Charges Unfounded

The Swedish reply said the examples of alleged improper treatment of Soviet citizens given in the Russian note showed how completely unfounded the accusations were.

After referring to the three Balts mentioned in the note, the reply concluded: "The Swedish Foreign Office is obliged to reject completely the accusations which the Soviet Embassy made against the Swedish authorities.

"In this connection, the Swedish Foreign Office would like to stress that under Swedish law every individual, whether he be of Swedish or foreign nationality, enjoys effective guarantees against uncalled for interference and arbitrary treatment on the part of the authorities."—Reuter.

'AUSSIE AIR FORCE DOES NOT EXIST'

Melbourne, March 2.

The former Deputy Chief of the Australian Air Staff, Air Vice-Marshall J. D. Bostock, said here today that in his view the Royal Australian Air Force just does not exist as a fighting force.

"Whether we like it or not, our young men must be asked to give up 12 months of their lives between the ages of 18 and 20 to be trained to defend their country," he said.

Ground facilities and communications should be developed in preference to aircraft, the Vice-Marshal added. Even twice the number of aircraft now available will not make the RAAF a striking or defence force if the ground organisation is left in its present woeful condition, he said.

Once the ground organisation is established, it will be simple to fly in trained crews and modern aircraft should the Commonwealth face an emergency, he added.

Earlier today, 50 frontline planes "attacked" Canberra on instructions from the Minister of Defence, Mr. J. H. Dedman, after Opposition critics had said the Australian Air Force is too weak to fly in a whole squadron.—Reuter.

Illicit Love Cause Of Riots?

Durban, March 2.

The chief Native Commissioner for Natal, Major M.L.C. Leifeldt, alleged today that widespread illicit sexual relations between Indian males and Zulu native girls were one of the main causes of the recent native Indian riots.

Major Leifeldt testified before the commission of inquiry into the riots, which resulted in vast loss of life and damage to property. He said that miscegenation and the operation of Indian-owned buses and taxis in native areas, thus allowing Indians to come into contact with native women, was a major cause of Indo-native friction in Natal.

"At Edenvale alone, more than 60 native girls have been seduced, and this is only an example of what is going on all over Natal," said the Commissioner.

He quoted resolutions from District Councils and native chiefs that had requested legislation prohibiting illicit relationships between natives and Indians.—United Press.

Goebbels' Producer To Be Tried

Hamburg, March 2.

Veit Harlan, favourite film producer of the Nazi Propaganda Minister, Josef Goebbels, will appear before a Hamburg court tomorrow, accused of crimes against humanity.

The main charge against him is that he produced a distorted anti-Semitic version of Feuchtwanger's famous novel, "Jew Suss." The film will be shown to the court.

More than 35 people, including prominent figures in the German film world have been summoned as witnesses. Herr Feuchtwanger, now in the United States, has sent a telegram saying that for health reasons he cannot appear.

The witnesses will include Harlan's wife, Swedish-born Kristina Soederbaum, and leading German film and stage actresses. Several of her recent stage performances were interrupted by the audience. On one occasion the American military police had to intervene to provide protection.—Reuter.

Father And Son In Big Racket

Madrid, March 2.

A father and son are among nine men gaoled in Madrid's flour scandal trial.

For selling 5,000 tons of flour on the black market, the father, Jose Maria Blanco Folgueira, manager of a flour pool for Madrid bakeries, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

He was stated to have diverted 500 railway waggons of flour to pastry cooks.

His son, Manuel Blanco Folgueira, secretary of the flour pool, got five years. They were found to have been chiefly responsible for the actions of their employees.—Reuter.

Rope Walker's Daughter Dies

London, March 2.

Mrs. Charlotte Blondin Robollio, daughter of Charles Blondin, the famous French-born tight rope walker, died last night in hospital at Worthing, aged 83.

Blondin, who twice crossed Niagara Falls on a tight rope, often carried his daughter during his exhibitions, either tied on his back or in a wheelbarrow.

Mrs. Robollio ended her days in a home for the blind in Worthing and died after a fall.—Reuter.

Burma Rice Stocks Rot

Rangoon, March 3.

Large rice stocks at Burma's rice port of Bassein are rotting, according to trade sources here.

They say that 14 out of the 15 rice-producing districts of Burma are peopled predominantly by Karens, who are now fighting the Government for a separate state of their own.

The Burmese Government is asking shipping companies to enter Bassein on their own initiative to collect rice stocks earmarked for export overseas, according to shipping sources.

The companies are said to have asked the Government for guarantees of safe conduct or payment of compensation in event of damage to the ships and injury to personnel.—Associated Press.

Don't Know They're Alive

Sydney, March 2.

"American women don't know they're alive," Dr. Muriel Mollrath said on her return from a tour of Europe and the United States.

Dr. Mollrath, a gynaecologist, said American women are being ruined by labour-saving devices. She cited dish-washing matchines, garbage-disposal sinks and other gadgets.

"The Americans have everything," she said. "Some of their devices make me green with envy—but they don't know they're alive. They haven't enough to do."—United Press.

Round-Up Of Communists In France

Paris, March 2.

The police have seized two more suspected Communist agents and are investigating 20 others in an effort to destroy the web of Communist espionage.

The Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, outspoken foe of Communism, told the Cabinet that eight have been arrested. The Government is doing everything in its power to wipe out the threat to national security, he said.

One of the new arrests was Paul Moret, who was Chief of Cabinet in the Ministry of Industrial Production under the Communist Marcel Paul, two years ago.

Well-dressed in a grey suit and carrying a briefcase stuffed with papers, Moret was taken before the Army examining magistrate shortly before noon for questioning.

Two French Army officers are charged with giving military secrets to a foreign power. It is generally believed that the power is either Poland or Yugoslavia.

The Communist spy hunt in Paris has been going on for five days.—United Press and Associated Press.

London, March 2.

Vice-Admiral Sir Harold Kinahan, aged 55, is to succeed Major-General F. St. D.B. Lejeune as President of the Ordnance Board, it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

Britain Develops New Jet Bombers

London, March 2.

Britain is developing as fast as possible several types of exceptionally high performance jet bombers, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Henderson, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a debate in the House of Lords in which Lord Templewood, an Opposition Conservative Member, called attention to the urgency of strengthening the Royal Air Force in the interests of home defence, the Western Union and Atlantic security.

Lord Henderson said the Royal Air Force already has the world's best jet fighters.

Answering charges of secrecy, he said the Government has evidence from captured documents that German Intelligence Staff made extensive use of pre-war Royal Air Force statistics. "We do not want to make a similar present now to any unfriendly power," he remarked.

Lord Templewood, a former Air Minister, had suggested that Britain should build up an Air Force of 180 to 200 squadrons.

"If we had such a force, Western Europe would breathe a sigh of relief," he declared.

Lord Vansittart, former diplomatic adviser to the Government, referred to recent statements by French and Italian Communist leaders that they would welcome the Soviet Army in the event of a Russian invasion. "That is quite clearly an invitation to Soviet aggression," he said," and the cheapest way to stop aggression is by a powerful Air Force.

"We need it right now," he asserted.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Portal said: "Secrecy will lose us much more than it will gain, particularly in confidence and morale, because continued secrecy breads the feeling and fear that it might be the total inadequacy of our Air Force which makes it necessary."—Reuter.

Non-Stop Round-World Flight By U.S. Bomber

Fort Worth, Texas, March 2.

Strict secrecy veils a history-making non-stop round-the-world flight which ended here today of a United States B-50 bomber.

Not a word was made public until the bomber landed. Air Force officials said the secrecy is designed in part to test their own security efficiency.

The bomber, a modernised version of the B-29 Superfortress, but termed a medium bomber in relation to the vast B-36 which is now the chief United States heavy bomber, landed here today, carrying fuel for seven hours, 30 minutes more flying.

The Air Force announced that the operation will be repeated regularly.

The United States Air Secretary, Mr. Stuart Symington, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, the Air Force Chief of Staff, and other high officials were present at the landing.

The 14 crew members stepped out obviously tired. They had worked in shifts as they flew endlessly over four continents.

Mr. Stuart Symington said: "It is an epochal step in the development of air power."

The unofficial elapsed time for the trip was 94 hours, one minute. The bomber's average speed was 329 miles, an hour. The plane left Fort Worth at 5.21 p.m. GMT last Saturday, together with part of the Eighth Air Force and headed Eastwards for the Azores.

The flight had started the day before but was cancelled when one engine caught fire. At the end of the first 3,863-mile leg, over the Azores, the first string of "flying tankers"—specially converted B-29s—rose to meet the plane.

By Sunday, the bomber, described as being fully combat equipped, was flying high over Gibraltar, across North Africa to Khartoum, to Dharhan, in the Saudi Arabian Desert, where another mid-air refuelling took place.

Its four 3,500-horse power motors purring steadily, the bomber aimed next across the heart of India, skimmed the Southern tip of Burma and went on across French Indo-China to the Philippines.

Here again it took on another fuel load, through pipes dangled from the Superfortress tankers, and here the tricky operation was the most important of all since the longest leg of the flight—8,500 kilometres across the empty Pacific to Hawaii lay before them. There was no hitch.

The refuelling operation was repeated for the fourth and last time over the Hawaii Islands late yesterday — and they drove straight in towards the American mainland.

The last leg of the journey to Fort Worth was 6,000 kilometres, bringing the total distance covered to approximately 23,000 miles.

Air Force officials regard the feat as a concrete illustration of their ability to bombard any point on the earth from the bases already available to the United States Air Force.

The first round-the-world flight was made in 1933 by the American, Wiley Post, who completed his 15,596-mile trip in 187 hours.—Reuter.

GERMAN STATUTE APPROVED

Frankfurt, March 2.

The three Western Military Governors today reached full agreement on a small list of recommendations concerning the German draft Constitution, General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor, announced.

The recommendations now go to the Bonn Constituent Assembly.

General Clay said the Military Governors are not formally committing their respective Governments but that it is a fair assumption that the Constitution will be approved by the Allies if the recommendations are heeded.

The recommendations do not interfere with the proposal in the German draft Constitution that Berlin be recognised as the 12th State of the West German Federation.

The main part of the recommendations deals with the distribution of financial powers.

The Allied powers are aiming at a division of taxes under three groups, Federal, concurrent and State taxes. Only Customs and excise duties will be purely Federal.—Reuter.

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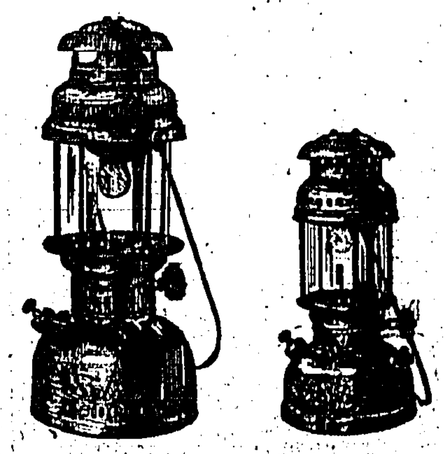

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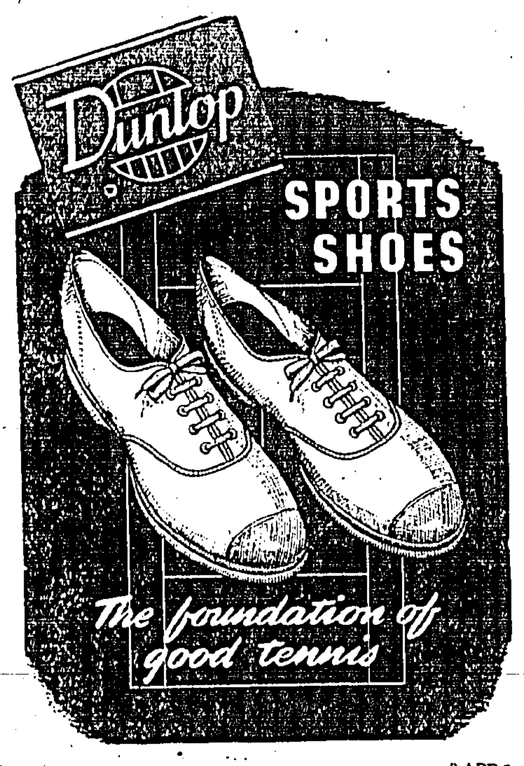

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Two-Hour Nightmare Gale Wrecks Town

Brisbane, March 2.

A 120-mile an hour cyclone, with torrential rains, struck Gladstone and other Queensland coastal towns today, killing four people and injuring many and wrecking hundreds of homes.

Damage to property at Gladstone is estimated between Austr. £300,000 and £400,000. An eye-witness said that Gladstone lived through a two-hour nightmare.

At the height of the storm, two churches and a convent crashed to the ground and roofs were ripped off more than 60 houses.

Many people were injured by flying iron, glass and roofing fragments, and 300 found themselves without homes.

Later the cyclone swept Northwards and hit Rockhampton. Several small craft were sunk there, and power was cut off. Roofs were torn off houses and many people were injured.

In Maryborough, South of Gladstone, floods were two feet deep in the streets.

In Europe, West Germany today reported 24 dead and 90 injured in the gales which have swept Europe these last two days. Heavy snowstorms following the gales blocked country road and delayed rail traffic in Czechoslovakia.

Elsewhere, Europe is recovering from the damage and floods. Hail and snow fell in Paris today after a sunny morning. Southern France was swept by a "mistral", which reached 95 kilometres an hour.

Rome Radio reported tonight a day-long snowfall in Naples, accompanied by strong gales. Gales are also blowing in Bari and Foggia, in Southern Italy, it said.

Reports from Cairo said a sandstorm today stopped all flying at Farouk and El Maza airports on the fringe of the desert outside Cairo, upsetting the schedules of British Overseas Airways, Trans-World Airlines and European Airlines.

Six people are reported dead in gale accidents in Belgium.

In Britain, floods estimated to have caused £500,000 worth of damage in the East England county of Norfolk are receding, but some snow fell. Some parts of North England report four inches of snow.

The Thames flood peril in London has eased and the river has returned to its normal height.—Reuter.

PLANES NEVER CAME BACK

Canberra, March 2.

Mr. Arthur Drakeford, Australian Air Minister, today told Parliament that his Department is investigating the failure to return home of two aircraft recently allowed to leave Australia.

One of these is reported to be disabled at Tel Aviv, while the the location of the other is not known, he said.—Reuter.

Skymaster's Lucky Break

New York, March 2.

A Bombay-bound DC-4 Skymaster, with 33 people aboard, hit ground wire installations but landed safely at Gander, Newfoundland, last night, Trans-Continental and Western Airlines said today.

The plane, with 24 passengers and a crew of nine, was making an instrument landing approach to the field when it struck the wires, the Company said. It had left LaGuardia Field here yesterday afternoon.

Officials of the company said that arrangements are being made for the passengers to continue their trip.—Reuter.

NORTH ATLANTIC PACT ISSUES ALL SETTLED

Washington, March 3.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, indicated today that all major issues involved in writing the North Atlantic security treaty have been settled.

The seven countries drafting the pact, however, have not yet determined what other nations should be brought in as original signers, he disclosed.

The question of inviting Italy is receiving especially careful study.

(In Copenhagen, diplomatic informants said that Denmark may formally accept on Thursday an invitation to talk on the projected North Atlantic treaty.)

Mr. Acheson told a news conference that he does not know of any outstanding differences on the text of the treaty.

He expects to meet with the Ambassadors of Britain, France, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg on Thursday and possibly again early next week to try to wind up details of drafting.

The treaty will commit the United States and all other member nations to resist an attack against any one of them, but each country will decide what steps it will take in fulfilling the commitment.

Italian Issue

Mr. Acheson said he hopes to make the text public before it is signed.

Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had declared earlier that it should not be made public until after signing, lest some unforeseen question arise and cause trouble.

While not commenting directly on Mr. Connally's view, Mr. Acheson said that before the text is released, it will have to be agreed to by all the countries involved. He thereby appeared to rule out the probability of some unforeseen issue coming up.

On the question of Italy, Mr. Acheson declined to go into any detail. The Ambassadors and he have been discussing the possibility of other nations joining in the project, he said, and the Italian matter is still under discussion.

Portugal's Part

Nations which appear reasonably sure of early invitations are Norway and Denmark and probably Iceland and Portugal.

From other informants it is learned that new and unexpected opposition has arisen to making Italy one of the original signers.

But it is reported that a compromise may be worked out whereby Italy can adhere to the pact immediately after the other nations have signed it.—Associated Press.

BAO DAI HENCHMEN MURDERED

Saigon, March 2.

Two of the supporters of Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, have been assassinated.

They are Tran Dinh Hanh, brother of Tran Dinh Que, physician and adviser to Bao Dai, and Cao Hun Thoung, Vice-President of the Vietnamese National Rally, a group of small parties.

The assassinations were carried out at Hue, ancient capital of Annam, French Indochina.

Un Guy, father of Bun Hoi, a well-known chemist now living in France, was carried off along with his family.

Tran and Cao were leading Nationalists not connected with Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Vietminh Party.

Bao Dai, who is returning to Indochina as head of the state of Vietnam this month, is expected to reside in Hue.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the French Cabinet today approved the creation of an elected Territorial Assembly in the autonomous Indo-Chinese Republic of Cochin-China.

The Assembly will have two sections, French and Cochin-Chinese, which will sit together, the official Government spokesman told reporters.

It will be asked for advice on the future constitutional status of Cochin-China.—Reuter.

BANGKOK MOVE TO SETTLE FRICTION

Bangkok, March 2.

The creation of a six-man Commission to settle the friction between the Army and the Navy, which caused last week-end's bloodshed in Bangkok, was announced today.

The announcement was made by Major-General Serisdi Dhanarach, newly appointed commander of the Army forces in the Bangkok area.

Major-General Dhanarach's appointment removes from direct control of any Army formations Lieutenant-General Luang Kach Songgram, the extremist organiser of the Army group which returned the present Premier, Marshal Pibul Songgram, to the leadership in Siam in November, 1947.

Luang Kach Songgram is said to have been the focal figure in the recent rupee scandal involving allegations of foreign exchange frauds in Army overseas buying. The rupee scandal made him an important figure of contention in the Pibul Songgram regime.

Luang Kach Songgram commanded the Army in their raid on the Government police station on Saturday night after a fake broadcast announcing a new Government.

The raid caused confused shooting between soldiers and police before the main Army and Navy street battles.

Today, the city is quiet but are still without an answer to two key questions:

1. Whether the "Free Thai" elements, setting off the fighting, had any prearranged support for an apparent attempt to overthrow Marshal Songgram's military regime, or

2. Whether the fighting was the outcome of the long-standing Army and Navy tension, touched off by the Army's killing of a Marine at the height of Saturday night's tension.—Reuter.

Court Upholds Right To Expel

Sydney, March 2.

The New South Wales State Court today held that the Australian Returned Servicemen's League is entitled to expel a member because he is a Communist or a Communist sympathiser.

The Court dismissed the suit of Arthur Bergeest, of Sydney, the expelled member, against his expulsion. The case was an appeal against the decision of a lower court, confirmed by the State Supreme Court. The original judge had decided that one of the rules of the League, forbidding conduct unbecoming a gentleman or subversive of the objects of the League, was not synonymous with Communism.

The State Court consists of the Supreme Court sitting in a full court. It is the highest judicial body of the State.—Reuter.

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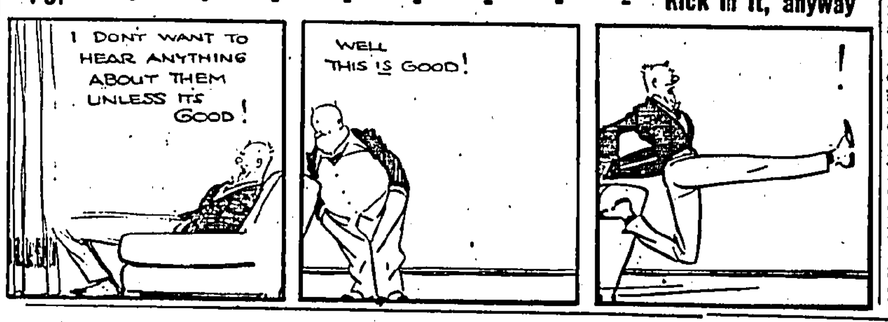

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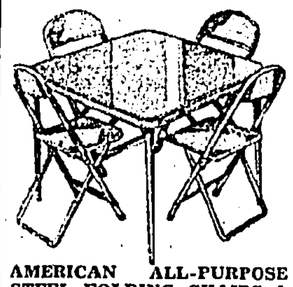

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Two Robbers Sentenced To Seven Years Each

Found guilty on a charge of robbery, Shek Yau alias Lo See-ling, fish dealer, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge) to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Lai Fuk alias Ko Lo-fuk, fisherman, who had pleaded guilty to the same charge at the opening of the Sessions, was also sentenced by Mr. Justice Reynolds to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes.

Ng Kau-mui, wife of Shek Yau alias Lo See-ling, who was originally charged with him and with Lai Fuk alias Ko Lo-fuk, was discharged by Mr. Justice Reynolds when the Crown intimated that it was not proposed to offer any evidence against her. On hearing that she had been discharged, Ng Kau-mui smiled and said, "Thank you, My Lord."

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector C. J. Askew.

Mr. Heenan said that the robbery was committed on November 14, at a spot called Tai Miu, which was within British territorial waters.

The complainant, Lui Chuen, who was the victimised owner of a sampan, had on the previous afternoon loaded it with cargo to be brought into Hong Kong.

Cargo Contents

The cargo consisted of 15 four-gallon tins of peanut oil, 24 chickens, one pig, 20 catties of rice, some clothing and about 10 catties of charcoal.

The complainant said that he was intercepted by another sampan, on which there were at least four persons. He was ordered by the persons in the other sampan to stop moving. Three of them were armed with pistols and one with a rifle.

After complainant had obeyed the order to stop, the armed men boarded his sampan and ordered him and his crew of three into a hatch, which was then covered with matting.

While imprisoned in the hatch, complainant and his crew heard the cargo being removed. The next thing which complainant felt was his sampan running aground.

He and his crew were taken off the sampan and up the hill into a cave, where they were confined and guarded by two armed men. On the afternoon of November 15, complainant and his crew found that they were no longer guarded. They immediately left the cave and after recovering their sampan, set sail for Hong Kong, where a report was made to the police.

Mr. Heenan said that it was a case for the Crown that the accused was the master of the sampan which was used by the armed men to commit the robbery.

The story of accused was, he believed, that he had been forced by the robbers into submission, but it was the contention of the Crown that if accused was not the principal instigator, he was at least a willing accomplice in this affair.

On November 20, the police, acting on information, found a sampan lying in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. The craft was identified by complainant as the one which carried the men who robbed him of his cargo.

The accused and another man were discovered on bonrd the sampan and taken into custody.

Mr. Heenan said that in connection with the plea of accused that he had been forced to sail his sampan under the directions of the other men, it was interesting to note that he made no attempt to report this to the police after the robbery.

'Guinea Pig' A Success On Big Opening Night

(By KIMBERLEY)

Philippa Coombes' Stage Club production of Warren Chetham Strode's "The Guinea Pig" sets a new and fresh standard in the local theatre platform, surpassing even Reinaldo Oblitas' SRO presentation of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" staged last year.

Guinea Pig, now running at the China Fleet Club, has all the qualifications to merit it as the best Hong Kong stage effort of the post-war period.

Philippa Coombe's production displays a cast of new players. Stage direction is neat and precise, and the play is well chosen.

The first night of Guinea Pig yesterday brought out a new first-man of the footlights in Derek Orchard. His portrayal of the warm-hearted, understanding master of Sainsbury Public School, is projected from a good knowledge of stage craft, clear diction and an altogether easy and natural poise.

Guinea Pig tells the story of a changing world. It inspires new ideas against a world rooted and chained in the slavery of traditions. It is a story of the centuries-old English Public School system and its growth into an age of realism and personal liberty.

The Guinea Pig is a very ordinary English boy a clever performance by Launce Blenkin placed into a social test tube to solve a big problem of our modern society.

Sainsbury Public School is the experiment ground and the House Master (excellently played by Viv Garton) an ageing barren soil upon which a new idea must grow. The contest is bitter but cleanly fought, the answer, everyone hopes, will be found in the philosophy of the Guinea Pig.

Guinea Pig comes as a pleasent surprise to those sceptical to reform plays. It deceives them in its honest strive to entertain, and it succeeds.

It is unsparingly critical of the public school system in its attempt to be exclusive. But it is equally generous in treating the system's finer constituents.

The dialogue gives the play mobility which is lacking in its action. But it is the efforts of the players that makes its Guinea Pig the local success that it was on the Stage Club's first night.

They include: Winnie Cox as Mrs. Hartley, the kind wife of a tradition-bound House Master; her daughter, Lynn (Yvonne Charter) who finds romance growing with the new idea; Stringer (John Charter) the just Head; Grimett (David Green) the blow to the House Master's idea of a gentleman; John Randall, John Keates, R. Romer and J. Hotled.

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parations of the land forces should be such as to make assurance doubly sure. Indeed, for the land forces the scale of attack might well be doubled, namely, 200,000 men distributed as suggested [i.e., in the proportion suggested] by the First Sea Lord. Our Home Army is already at a strength when it should be able to deal with such an invasion, and its strength is rapidly increasing. I should be very glad if our plans to meet invasion on shore could be reviewed on this basis so that the Cabinet may be informed of any modifications. It should be borne in mind that although the heaviest attack would seem likely to fall in the North, yet the sovereign importance of London and the narrowness of the seas in this quarter make the South the theatre where the greatest precautions must be taken.

In order to reach more definite conclusions about the varying probabilities and scales of attack on our extended coastline, so as to avoid undue spreading of our forces, I sent the Chiefs of the Staff a further Minute early in August.

By Night

The Chiefs of Staff Committee, after another review of all our information, replied to this paper by a report from Colonel Hollis, who acted as their Secretary. Even while these documents were being considered and printed the situation had begun to change in a decisive manner. Our excellent Intelligence confirmed that the operation "Sea-lion" had been definitely ordered by Hitler and was in active preparation. It seemed certain that the man was to try. Moreover, the front to be attacked was altogether different from or additional to the East coast on which the Chiefs of the Staff, the Admiralty and I, in full agreement, still laid the major emphasis.

But thereafter came a rapid transformation. A large number of self-propelled barges and motor-boats began to pass by night through the Straits of Dover, creeping along the French coast and gradually assembling in all the French Channel ports from Calais to Brest. Our daily photographs showed this movement with precision. It had not been found possible to re-lay our minefields close to the French shore. We immediately began to attack the vessels in transit with our small craft and Bomber Command was concentrated upon the new set of invasion ports now opening upon us.

With Mules

At the same time a great deal of information came to hand about the assembly of a German Army or Armies of Invasion along this stretch of the hostile coast, of movement on the railways and of large concentrations in the Pas de Calais and Normandy. Later on two mountain divisions with mules evidently meant to scale the Folkestone cliffs were reported near Boulogne. Meanwhile large numbers of powerful long-range batteries all along the French Channel coast came into existence.

In response to the new menace we began to shift our weight from one leg to the other and to improve all our facilities for moving our increasingly large mobile reserves towards the Southern front. About the end of the first week of August, General Brooke, now Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, pointed out that the threat of invasion was developing equally on the South coast. All the time our forces were increasing in numbers, efficiency, mobility and equipment.

Thus in the last half of September we were able to bring into action on the South Coast front, including Dover, 16 divisions of high quality of which three were armoured divisions or their equivalent in brigades, all of which were additional to the local coastal defence and could come into action with great speed against any invasion landing. This provided us with a punch or series of punches which General Brooke was well-poised to deliver as might be required; and no one more capable.

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Safeguard Needed In Gold Sales

Washington, March 2.

The United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, today supported the International Monetary Fund's call for greater safeguards in the sale of South African semi-processed gold.

Mr. Snyder told a press conference that he believes the present world price for gold should not be changed.

(The South African Finance Minister, Dr. N. C. Havenga, said last week that the Union's sale in London of semi-processed gold at a premium price is an experiment. South Africa would give serious attention to to any practicable precautions that the Monetary Fund might suggest, he added).

Mr. Snyder said: "I have said many times before, and I reiterate now, that I believe the present price should be maintained."

On South Africa's current transaction for the sale of semi-processed gold at a premium, Mr. Snyder said: "The United States Treasury supports the decisions Fund in the attitude it has taken to premimum gold sales."

The South African Treasury today informed the International Monetary Fund in Washington that a Union Government decision to sell 100,000 ounces of gold for non-monetary purposes is an experiment. The Government's future action will be influenced by the results, it was stated.

Reply To IMF

The South African Treasury was replying to a press statement issued by the International Monetary Fund in Washington on February 25, saying it was not satisfied that adequate safeguards existed in the the proposed South African transaction.

The South African Government said it is satisfied that the guarantee it has received fully justifies the undertaking. "The South African Government wants to make it clear, however, that its action must not be construed as an admission that the requirements of the United States, or of any other country, are binding on the other members of the Fund," the reply added.

The Union is at all times willing to consult with the Fund on matters of mutual interest, but the final decision on the adequacy of guarantees rests not with the Fund but with the Government, it added.

The Union Government said it is giving the IMF every opportunity of bringing to its notice any evidence that the gold sold under the transaction is not being used for customary industrial, professional or artistic purposes.

"If, in the course of the experiment, which is on a small scale compared with the Union's gold production, any evidence should be produced, casting doubt on the bona fides of the transaction, the Government would not wish to proceed with it," the reply continued.

Unrealistic Price

The Union Government challenged the Fund's contention that to maintain the price of gold at US$35 an ounce is one of the exchange policies which all Fund members have undertaken to support.

The reply asserted that this was a figure fixed in 1944 with the express provision of a method for changing it. Since that time, all other prices had skyrocketed, making the Fund's currency price of gold unrealistic, it added.

The resulting disequilibrium is a threat to the exchange policies which all Fund members have undertaken to support, it alleged.

"The Fund's efforts to bolster up an unrealistic price are undermining the exchange stability," the reply added.

Referring to the Fund's criticism of the South African Finance Minister, Dr. Havenga's, statement in Parliament on the transaction, the Union's reply said no member nation has abdicated from its right to criticise the Fund.

The South African Government repudiates the suggestion in the Fund's press statement that members require the Fund's approval before entering into negotiations for such transactions. This provision is not contained in the Articles of Agreement, it said.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold was quiet yesterday with little fluctuation. Opening at HK$304.75 a tael it dropped to $304, and then climbed to $305.62½. At the close it was $305.

US dollars closed at HK$5.15½ after opening at $5.13½.

Gold Yuan was lower, being quoted at HK$20 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery; $16.75 for Canton remittances; and $13 for Shanghai remittances.

Piastres continued to climb. After opening at HK$9.12½ a 100, the rate rose to $9.62½. At the close it was 10 cents lower.

Ticals were unchanged at HK$24.00 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK$31.30 a 100 and closed at 10 cents higher.

Sterling was firmer at HK$15.23, while Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$12.70.

NY RUBBER

New York, March 3.

Crude rubber standard futures closed quiet with no sales.

Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed 10 to 13 lower with sales of 85 contracts.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 3.

A small overall decline in yesterday's stock market snapped a three-day rally.

Final prices showed a narrow margin of losses over gains. Most changes were fractional. In sharp contrast to the slow trading was the sale of one block of 100,000 shares of Western Airlines at 6½, down ¼. Trading otherwise was skimpy. Transfers were 690,000 shares.

Among gainers were El Paso Gas, Santa Fe, Union Pacific Gulf Oil. Stumblers included United Aircraft, American Woollen, Eastern Airlines, Curtiss Wright.

DOW JONES AVERAGES:

Stocks	62.60
15 Rails	47.85
20 Industrials	178.82
10 Utilities	34.61

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS:

Adam Express	17⅞
Alaska Juneau	3⅜
American Can	90¼
American Smelting	49
American Telephone	147⅝
American Tobacco	65⅝
American Waterworks	7¼
Anaconda Copper	32⅝
Aviation Corp.	6¼
Baldwin Locomotive	10½
Barnsdall	40¾
Bendix Aviation	32⅞
Bethlehem Steel	31
Boeing Aircraft	22⅝
Borden Co.	38½
Canadian Pacific	12
Chrysler	52⅞
Colgate	30⅞
Commercial Solvents	16⅝
Corn Products	62⅝
Du Pont	84
Eastman Kodak	43⅞
Electric Light & Power	22
General Electric	36¼
General Motors	58¾
Goodrich	62½
Goodyear	41½
Homestake Mining	38¾
International Harvester	33⅝
International Paper	48½
International Tel. & Tel.	9
Johns Manville	37¾
Kennecott Copper	46⅝
Montgomery Ward	55¾
National Distillers	17⅞
National Lead	30⅝
New York Central	11
Packard Motors	3⅞
Pan-American Airways	8⅝
Pennsylvania RR	15⅝
Radio Corp.	11⅝
Reynolds Tobacco	36⅞
Schenley	26¼
Sears Roebuck	35¾
Shell Oil	33½
Socony Vacuum	15½
Southern Pacific	41¾
Standard Brands	18¾
Standard Oil of Calif.	59¾
Standard Oil of N.J.	67⅞
Studebaker	17½
Union Bag	28½
Union Carbide	38
US Rubber	38⅛
US Steel	71¾
US Lines	12⅞
Westinghouse	23¾
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	65½
Gen. Pub. Utilities	12⅝

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FRIDAY, MARCH 4
Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO, 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tsingtao; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 6 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

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Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Noon.
Swatow, 12.30 p.m.
Manila, 2 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking and Tsingtao; Airmail (for Chungking, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Shanghai, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada); (Par. and Reg.) 12.30 p.m., (Ord.) 1 p.m.

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†"BENCRUACHAN"	U.K. " "	" end Mar.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. " "	" 1st half Apr.
"BENWYVIS"	U.K. " "	" 2nd half Apr.

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SHIP	TO	LOADING
"SALMONIER"	Kobe, Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo, Seychelles.	Abt. Mid Mar.
‡"BENALBANACH" "BENCLEUCH" "BENMACDHUI"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hull.	2nd half Mar. —do— mid April.
¶"BENVORLICH" ¶"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.	Abt. end Mar. 2nd half Apr.
¶"BENWYVIS"	Genoa, London, Hull & Leith.	Abt. end April

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S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Marseilles	Mid April

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S.S. "MORTAIN"	Shanghai & Japan	Beg. April.
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Shanghai	Mid April
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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

BINTANG (EA), Danish, ex-Bangkok, R. Sorensen ..... K. Whf.

TODAY

FATSHAN (B & S) ex-Canton, 10 a.m.
MELISKERK (RIL) ex-Europe.
PRESIDENT WILSON (APL) ex-USA.
PRODUCE (B & S) ex-Japan.
TJIBADAK (RIL) ex-Java Ports.

TOMORROW

FERNFIELD (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast.
HARPALYCUS (Pattison) ex-Japan.
STELLA LYKES (APL) ex-Houston.
VAN REIMSDUK (RIL) ex-Singapore.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

HUPEH (B & S) for Shanghai.
KWEIYANG (B & S) for Amoy.
RENA (Travel Agency) for Shanghai.
SHIRALA (Mac Mac) for Straits.
THINAN (B & S) for Swatow.

TODAY

FATSHAN (B & S) for Canton, 11 p.m.
KUTSANG (Jardine) for Calcutta.
PIONEER SEA (USL) for Manila.

TOMORROW

HANYANG (B & S) for Inchon.
LENEVERETT (Everett) for Shanghai.
LOKSANG (Jardine) for Kobe.
MELISKERK (RIL) for Shanghai.
PRESIDENT WILSON (APL) for San Francisco.
YEN KAI (CMSN) for Swatow.

Vessels In Port

ANAKAN (Grimble) ..... K. Dock
AZOV (Wallem) ..... S.C.
BELLEVILLE (Thoresen) .....
BINTANG (EA) ..... K. Whf.
BUSHWOOD (Mc Mc) ..... K. Dock
BENLAWERS (Loxley) ..... K. Whf.
CALTEX II (Texas) ..... LCK
CECIL G. BALLARS (Mollers) A17
CHIEN MEN (Ming Sung) ..... Yaumati
CHINA MAIL (Everett) A2
DAH CHUNG (Wallem) ..... Yaumati
EASTERN TRADER (Wallem). Yaumati
EASTERN VENTURE (Jai Hong). Ymt.
EM. PARK ..... Ymt
FIREBIRD (SE Asia) ..... S.S. Po
FORT CHARLOTTE (NSO) .. Yaumati
FUKWANG (APC) ..... P. Oiler
GUJARAT (Bank) A9
HAI CHIEN (Chee Cheong) A12
HAI HSIA (CMSN) B4
HAIYANG (Douglas) ..... Co.'s Whf.
HANGSANG (Jardine) A11
HANYANG (B & S) B10
HAINAN (Douglas) ..... K. Dock
HONG SHAN (Wilfred Lee) .. Yaumati
INCHRAG (Williamson) ..... Yaumati
INCHWELLS (Williamson) .... Yaumati
JADE LEAF (Manners) ..... Yaumati
KIANG YONG (Gilman) ..... Yaumati
LADY WOLMER (Wheelock) .. Yaumati
LANCASHIRE (STO) .... Holt's Whf.
LISIN (Jin Fin Co.) ..... Yaumati
LOUIS MOLLER (Moller) .... K. Dock
LUNG MEN (Ming Sung) ..... Yau
MAYON (Jardine) ..... K. Dock
MOW LIN (Wheelock) ..... SS Po
NGO WEI (CMSN) ..... SS Po
PAKHOI (B & S) ..... T. Dock
RYBINSK (Wallem) ..... SC
SHENGKING (B & S) B14
STANVAC 311 (Socony) .... Laichikok
TAIPOSHAN (Shun Chi) .... Yaumati
TIEN SHAN (CT Service) .... Yaumati
TJITJALENGKA (RIL) ..... T. Dock
WEI MING (HKES Co.) ..... T. Dock
WHANGPU (B & S) .... Stonecutters
Y 4 (Grimble) ..... SS Po
Y 8 (Grimble) ..... SS Po

VESSELS DUE FROM

SOUTH AFRICA

	Mar.
BOISSEVAIN (RIL)	31
STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL)	10
	June
TEGELBERG (RIL)	13

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

	Mar.
AJAX (B & S) ex-New York	17
FERNDALE (Thoresen)	18
FERNFIELD (Thoresen)	5
GARDEN STATE (Gourlie) ex-Norfolk, Baltimore	11
GRETE MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	12
JAVA MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver, Seattle	15
OREGON (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	11
ROCKSIDE (Dodwell) ex-New York	End
PADUCAH VICTORY (USL) ex-New York	25
PIONEER TIDE (USL) ex-New York	28
PIONEER COVE (USL) ex-New York, Boston	14
PIONEER SEA (USL) ex-New York	22
PRES. GRANT (APL) ex-Baltimore	24
STEEL NAVIGATOR (Gilman)	10
STELLA LYKES (APL) ex-Houston via Shanghai, Japan	5
TITANIA (Dodwell)	End
WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver	28
	April
BENARES (Rama) via Los Angeles	End
COLORADO (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	1
DONA AURORA (Rama)	11
HOPEVILLE (Thoresen)	18
PRES. HARRISON (APL) ex-Baltimore	21
STEEL TRAVELLER (Gilman)	10
TALISMAN (Dodwell)	End
TUDOR (Dodwell)	End
	May
FERNCAPE (Thoresen)	2
FERNSIDE (Thoresen)	25
PRES. JOHNSON (APL) ex-Baltimore	19
	June
FERNDAY (Thoresen)	5
PRES. FILLMORE (APL) ex-Baltimore	16

PACIFIC COAST

	Mar.
BOUGAINVILLE (Bank)	24
CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) ex-Los Angeles, San Francisco	29
GENERAL GORDON (APL) ex-San Francisco	19
GREAT REPUBLIC (USL) ex-San Francisco	7
JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) ex-San Francisco	24
MOUNT MANSFIELD (APL) ex-Los Angeles	8
NORMAN LYKES (APL) ex-Galveston via Kobe, Shanghai	17
PARRAMATTA (Wallem)	12
PRES. MONROE (APL) ex-Los Angeles	21
PRES. WILSON (APL) ex-San Francisco	4
SURPRISE (USL) ex-San Francisco	19
	April
ARIZONA (Dodwell) ex-Los Angeles, San Francisco	17
GEN. MEIGS (APL) ex-San Francisco	7
MONGABARRA (Wallem)	9
PRES. BUCHANAN (APL) ex-Los Angeles	1
PRES. HARDING (APL) ex-Los Angeles	29
PRES. VAN BUREN (APL) ex-Los Angeles	15
SEA SERPENT (USL) ex-San Francisco	2
TANTARA (East Asiatic)	Mid
	May
PRES. JEFFERSON (APL) ex-Los Angeles	18

AUSTRALIA

	Mar.
EASTERN (E & A)	10
HINDUSTAN (Jardine)	18
NANKIN (E & A) ex-New Zealand	5
SOOCHOW (B & S)	7

CHINA

	Mar.
E-SANG (Jardine) ex-Inchon	11
HUNAN (B & S) ex-Foochow	11
HUPEH (B & S) ex-Shanghai	12
NANCHANG (B & S) ex-Keelung	7
RIJNKERK (RIL) ex-Shanghai	14
SOMALI (P & O) ex-Shanghai	14
TSINAN (B & S) ex-Swatow	6
WINCSANG (Jardine) ex-S'hai	11 & 22

EUROPE

	Mar.
BENALBANACH (Loxley) ex-UK	15
BENCLEUCH (Loxley)	2nd half
BENCRUACHAN (Loxley)	End
BENGAL (Gilman)	7
BENVORLICH (Loxley)	15
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	8
CLYTONEUS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	16
ELPENOR (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	9
GLENGYLE (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	17
KVERNAAS (Thoresen)	Mid
MANCHURIA (EA Co.)	Mid
MELISKERK (RIL)	4
MORTAIN (MM)	Beg.
TITAN (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	20
TREVINCE (P & O)	5
	April
DENMACDHUI (Loxley) ex-UK via Singapore	1st half
DENWYVIS (Loxley) ex-UK via Singapore	2nd half
CANTON (P & O) ex-London	21
CHAMPOLLION (MM) ex-Marseilles	Mid.
DENBIGHSHIRE (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	8
EUMAEUS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits and Manila	18
GLENROY (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	16
GLENARTNEY (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	28
HALLAND (Gilman)	Early
KAMBODIA (EA)	Mid.
MARIEKIRK (RIL)	Early
TALABOY (Thoresen)	Mid
TREWELLARD (P & O) ex-London	20
TYNDAREUS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits and Manila	18
	May
CARTHAGE (P & O) ex-London	9
GLENORCHY (Jardine) ex-London	16
GLENORCH (Jardine) ex-London	16
KOREA (EA)	Mid
MOLENKERK (RIL)	Early
	June
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	5
	July
CANTON (P & O) ex-London	4

INDIA

	Mar.
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Calcutta	14
SIRDHANA (DI) ex-Calcutta	16
	April
SHIRALA (DI) ex-Calcutta	28
TAIREA (DI) ex-Calcutta	14

JAPAN

	Mar.
CHAKSANG (Jardine)	6
DAYBEAM (BI)	End
HARPALYCUS (Pattison)	5
PRODUCE (B & S) ex-Kobe	4/5
SALMONIER (Loxley)	1st half
SANGOLA (BI) ex-Japan and S'hai	28
SIRDHANA (BI)	31
HOMALI (P & O) ex-Kobe	14

SOUTH EAST PORTS

	Mar.
ANHUI (B & S) ex-Singapore	11
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Straits and Bangkok	14
HINSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	8
POYANG (B & S) ex-Bangkok	9
PRES. FILLMORE (APL) ex-Philippines	10
REBEVERETT (Everett) ex-Manila	9
SIRDHANA (BI) ex-Calcutta and Straits	18
SOOCHOW (B & S) ex-Manila	1st Wk.
TJIBADAK (RIL) ex-Java Ports	6
TJISADANE (RIL) ex-Java ports	17
VAN REUTSZ (RIL) ex-Singapore	24
VAN REIMSDUK (RIL) ex-Singapore	5
YOCHOW (B & S) ex-Singapore	8/9

SOUTH AMERICA

	Mar.
BOISSEVAIN (RIL)	31
	June
TEGELBERG (RIL)	13

SAILINGS TO

SOUTH AFRICA

Mar.
28 STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL).
April
21 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).
May
18 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).
June
17 TEGELBERG (RIL).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

Mar.
9 FERNFIELD (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.
6 HARPALYCUS (Pattison) for USA
11 BENGAL (Rama) via Los Angeles.
12 CITY OF ALMA (Wallem) for New York
12 OREGON (Dodwell) for Vancouver.
14 SALLY MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York, Philadelphia.
14 STEEL CHEMIST (Gilman) via Panama.
15 PIONEER COVE (USL) for New York, Boston.
16 JAVA MAIL (Everett) via Shanghai, Japan.
20 FERNDALE (Thoresen).
21 PRESIDENT FILMORE (APL) (calls Pacific Coast).
22 SELMA SALEN (Hunt).
23 PIONEER SEA (USL) for New York. (via Shanghai and Japan).
25 PRES. GRANT (APL) for Boston via Straits.
28 PRES. TYLER (APL) for New York (calls Pacific Coast).
29 PIONEER TIDE (USL) for New York
29 WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett) via Shanghai, Japan.
Apr.
2 COLORADO (Dodwell) for Vancouver
9 GRETE MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
10 ANDREW JACKSON (Wallem) for New York.
12 ALLEGHENY VICTORY (Gilman) via Panama.
15 DONA AURORA (Rama) via Los Angeles.
16 HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.
20 PRES. JOHNSON (APL) for Boston via Straits.
22 PRES. HARRISON (APL) for Boston via Straits.
28 MAIDEN CREEK (Wallem) for New York.
End. BENARES (Rama).
May
26 FERNSIDE (Thoresen).
June
7 FERNDAY (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.
17 PRES. FILLMORE (APL) for Boston via Straits.

PACIFIC COAST

Mar.
5 PRES. WILSON (APL) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
9 GREAT REPUBLIC (USL) for San Francisco.
10 AMERICA TRANSPORT (Jardine) for Los Angeles.
12 TRITON (Dodwell) via Shanghai and Japan.
20 GENERAL GORDON (APL) to Honolulu and San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
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21 CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) for Los Angeles and San Francisco.
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31 PRES. MADISON (APL) (calls Shanghai) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
April
3 PRES. CLEVELAND (APL) for San Francisco.
5 SEA SERPENT (USL) for San Francisco.
8 GEN. M.C. MEIGS (APL) for San Francisco via Manila.
18 ARIZONA (Dodwell) for Los Angeles, Frisco.
Mid. TITANIA (Dodwell) via Shanghai, Japan.
May
Mid. TALISMAN (Dodwell) via Shanghai, Japan.
Mid. TUDOR (Dodwell) via Shanghai and Japan.

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
11/12 KAPRISTAN (Jardine) for Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne.
14 SOOCHOW (B & S) for Sydney, Melbourne.
16 NANKIN (E & A) via Rabaul.
22 CITOS (Dodwell) for Brisbane, Sydney via Manila.
April
End. EASTERN (E & A) via Rabaul.

CHINA

Mar.
5 HANYANG (B & S) for Inchon.
8 LENEVERETT (Everett) for Shanghai, Kobe.
5 MELISKERK (RIL) for Shanghai and Japan.
5 YEN KAI (CMSN) for Swatow.
8 TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.
11 YOCHOW (B & S) for Foochow.
13 WINGSANG (Jardine) for Keelung, Shanghai.
14 E-SANG (Jardine) for Foochow.
12 TREVINCE (P & O) for Shanghai and Japan.
16 HINDUSTAN (Jardine) for S'hai.
17 HUPEH (B & S) for Shanghai.
19 TJISADANE (RIL) for Shanghai.
20 SIRDHANA (BI) for Amoy and Japan.
April
Beg. MORTAIN (MM) for Shanghai.
Mid. CHAMPOLLION (MM) for S'hai.

EUROPE

Mar.
8 ACHILLES (B & S) for Liverpool via Havre.
11 GLENGARRY (Jardine) for UK via Suez.
11 MONGOLIA (EA Co.) for Aden, Port Said, Genoa.
16 ELPENOR (B & S) for Liverpool via Aden.
14 DALI (Gilman) for Marseilles, Antwerp.
14 CORFU (P & O) for London.
15 RIJNKERK (RIL) for Marseilles, Antwerp.
2nd half. BENALBANACH (Loxley) for Rotterdam, Hull.
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19 RIJNKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
16 SOMALI (P & O) for London and Continent.
End. MELISKERK (RIL) via Straits.
End. BENVORLICH (Loxley) for Liverpool.
April
Beg. MANCHURIA (East Asiatic).
9 GLENGYLE (Jardine) for Aden, Port Said, Genoa.
10 TREVINCE (P & O) for UK and Continent.
12 TREVINCE (P & O) for UK.
Mid. BENMACDHUI (Loxley) for London
Mid. MARIEKIRK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
2nd half BENCRUACHAN (Loxley) for Liverpool.
15 CANTON (P & O) for London.
End. CHAMPOLLION (MM) for Marseilles via Saigon.
End. HALLAND (Gilman) for Aden, Genoa.
End BENWYVIS (Loxley) for Genoa, London.
End. MORTAIN (MM) for Europe.
May
Beg. KAMBODIA (East Asiatic).
13 CARTHAGE (P & O) for London.
Mid. MOLENKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
June
9 CORFU (P & O) for London.
July
8 CANTON (P & O) for London.
Aug.
5 CARTHAGE (P & O) for London.

INDIA

Mar.
26 SANGOLA (BI) for Calcutta.
End. DAYBEAM (BI) for Calcutta, Bombay.

JAPAN

Mar.
8 DAYBEAM (BI).
5 LOKSANG (Jardine) for Kobe and Yokohama.
12 POYANG (B & S) for Yokohama and Kobe.
12 TREVINCE (P & O) for Japan.
14 EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) for Yokohama.
16 HINDUSTAN (Jardine).
20 SIRDHANA (BI).
April
15 TAIREA (BI) for Japan.
25 SHIRALA (BI) for Japan.
Beg. MORTAIN (MM).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

Mar.
4 KUTSANG (Jardine) for Calcutta.
4 PIONEER SEA (USL) for Manila.
6 HARPALYCUS (Pattison) for S'pore.
6 HERMELIN (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
7 PRODUCE (B & S) for Bankkok.
7 TJIBADAK (RIL) for Java ports.
9 CHAKSANG (Jardine) for Straits and Calcutta.
9 TASMAN (RIL) for Manila.
11 STEEL NAVIGATOR (Gilman).
14 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Macassar
14 VAN RIEMSDUK (RIL) for Straits.
15 HIRAM (Thoresen) for Singapore, Penang.
5 SOMALI (P & O) for Straits.
14 RIJNKERK (RIL) for Manila.
Mid. SALMONIER (Loxley) for S'gapore.
10 NANKIN (E & A) for Manila. Singapore.
21 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
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26 SANGOLA (DI) for Straits.
30 TASMAN (RIL) for Java ports and
End. DAYBEAM (BI) for Singapore, Penang.
End. TITANIA (Dodwell) for Manila.
April
2 PRES. BUCHANAN (APL) for Manila.
2 VAN HEUTSZ (RIL) for Straits.
3 SIRDHANA (DI) for Straits and Rangoon.
12 TREVINCE (P & O) for Straits.
14 TJISADANE (RIL) for Java ports.
16 PRES. VAN BUREN (APL) for Manila.
20 PRES. HARDING (APL) for Manila.
End. TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Manila.
May
14 PRES. JEFFERSON (APL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

Mar.
28 STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL).
April
21 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).
May
18 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).
June
17 TEGELBERG (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

March
14 MOUNT MANSFIELD (APL) (Singapore direct).
21 PRES. MONROE (APL).
April
2 PRES. BUCHANAN (APL).
16 PRES. VAN BUREN (APL).
20 PRES. HARDING (APL).
May
14 PRES. JEFFERSON (APL).
26 MARINE SNAPPER (APL).
June
14 PRES. POLK (APL).

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Shanghai: 11 a.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-Foochow via Amoy: 2.20 p.m.; ex-Kweilin via Canton: 3.30 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m., 2.20 p.m.
CATC ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.50 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m., 2.45 p.m., 4 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.; ex-Nanking via Canton: 6.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-Bangkok: 12.45 p.m.; ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1 p.m.; ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai: 2.45 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 10 a.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Hanoi: 5 p.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Canton: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam: 1 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 12.10 p.m.
CATC ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.; ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m.
PAA ex-Manila: 1 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo, Iwakuni: 4 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Oslo, Bangkok: 5 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 12.15 p.m.
CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 11.15 a.m.; Canton: 8.40 a.m., 8.53 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.; Chungking via Kunming: 8 a.m.; Kweilin via Canton: 8.20 a.m.; Shanghai: 8 a.m., 12.45 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Kunming: 7 a.m.; Canton: 3.15 p.m.
CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
BOAC for Iwakuni, Tokyo: 8.30 a.m.; for Bangkok, Southampton: 7.45 a.m.; for Singapore: 8 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 11.15 a.m.; Canton: 8.05 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.; Shanghai: 8 a.m., 12.45 p.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Nanking via Canton: 6.30 a.m.; Amoy: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
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PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
BHARAT for Calcutta: 9 a.m.

SUNDAY

CNAC for Amoy via Canton: 7 a.m., 11.15 a.m.; for Canton: 8.05 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.; Rangoon via Kunming: 1.10 p.m.; Shanghai: 8 a.m., 8.20 a.m.; Taipeh via Swatow: 4.20 a.m.
CATC for Chungking: 7 a.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Canton: 3.15 p.m.
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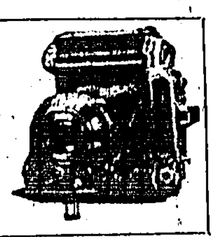

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FIVE CRICKET GAMES SET FOR TOMORROW

(By "MID ON")

Five senior League cricket matches tomorrow and each one of them promising cricket of a high standard.

It will be difficult to make any forecasts as the teams are so well balanced in each instance, though I would pick the Scorpions-Army match at Chater Road as the best of the afternoon.

Recreio, who are now well on the way to championship honours (due to the upset caused last week when RAF beat the Army), will be at home to the Indians, and though I do not for a moment think the visitors will be able to cause the upset of the season, the homesters will do well not to take things too lightly, for the Indians are ever liable to beat the best of them, more so when they are least expected to.

The Airmen, fresh from their success over Army, entertain Optimists who should win, while at Pokfulam I expect the undergraduates to take the points from Craigengower CC.

Another good and close game should be seen at Cox's Road where Kowloon Cricket Club entertain the Senior Service, and if the KCC skipper, Rob Lee, strikes form with the ball, a Navy collapse will not come as a surprise.

The League leaders in the Second Division, Indian RC, have a tough proposition at Sookunpoo where they meet Recreio who are, I feel, about the best fielding team in junior cricket today. The Indians' batting is so uncertain that I hesitate to predict full points for them, though I cannot see what else they are going to do if they are to retain the leadership but win.

Bakar, their captain, has a number of bowlers at his disposal, each one of whom is capable of doing things but and here is a very definite BUT—he is rather prone to overbowl anyone who does no more than keep the runs down.

This is all very well in an all-day match, but in afternoon cricket one must take chances and if the stock bowlers fail to break a partnership, then the other not so regular ones must be given a chance to see what they can do.

Kowloon Cricket Club take on the Navy and here I fully expect the home team to win. They have a very well-balanced side and a shrewd captain in Stewart Gray.

That they have not done better up-to-date is explained by the fact that Dame Fortune has not been giving them the favours they deserve. This notwithstanding, they are playing much better together as a team now than they have done and if they collect the points tomorrow, I for one will not be surprised.

Entries For March 12 Race Meet

The Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will take place on March 12. The list of entries for the 10 events follows:

1.—**Pottinger Gap Handicap** (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 5:—Belle Fontaine, Colonia, Countess Delight, Domino, Fiesta, Nevertire, Some Fun, Souvenir, Tuncumba Boy and Trade Wind.

2.—**Smugglers Pass Stakes** (1st Section). From 2 M.P.:—Ballerina (147), Barbarian (147), Big Bluff (147), Busy Bee (147), Hythe-way (147), Canadian Potato (147), Cooper (147), Dolphin (147), Forever Spring (147), Honey Dew (147), Hop Yick (147), Jennifer (147), Jetfire (147), Kolinsky (147), Public Opinion (147), Sharpshooter (147), Speed Wheel (147), Stayer (147), Strathlyon (147), Victory Ship (147) and Yacal (147).

3.—**Customs Pass Handicap** (1st Section). Once Round. Class 4:—Anyway, Argentine Moon, Boom Town, Golden Wheel, Jeep Hing, Justice of Peace Lane, Sugarfoot, The Dingo and Tribull.

4.—**Pottinger Gap Handicap** (2nd Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 5:—Brivisto, Care Free, Empress of Peace, Hot Pollol, Jump Bid, Marber, National Gift, Seafire, Tootsie and Windermere.

5 and 9.—**Magazine Gap Handicap** (1st and 2nd Section). 1 Mile:—Amarant, Arabian Dagger, Ben Wyvis, Duchess Delight, Egyptian Field, Fairy Feet, Golden Dahlia, Gypsy Girl, High Speed, Home Builder, Madac, Nervous Witness, Oakland Bridge, Pay Day, Poker Face, Popularity, Ringmer, Shun Fung, Shun Lee, Skymaster, Southeast Wind, Speeding Star, Top Hat, United Victory and V.I.P.

6.—**Pottinger Gap Handicap** (3rd Section). 6 Furlongs. Class 5:—A Grand Time, Amico, Arabian Moon, Battlefield, Chief Witness, Desert Knight, Frostylight, Possibility, Priority and Speedaway.

7.—**Smugglers Pass Stakes** (2nd Section). From 2 M.P.:—Condor (147), Eplnard (147), Filibuster (147), Fortune Field (147), Good News (147), Happy Farmers (147), Happy Return (147), Iron Mask (147), Jasmin (147), Jemima (147), Mimi (147), Morning Sky (147), Racing Queen (147), Radiotron (147), Reputation (147), Rester (147), Roslyn (147), Sunkiss (147), The Tigress (147) and Treasurer (147).

8.—**Customs Pass Handicap** (2nd Section). Once Round. Class 4:—Avalon, Big Shot, Cessie, Flying Jib, Golden Dragon, National Congress, Prince Delight, Red Fox, Spanish Onion, Thunderbolt and Victorious.

10.—**Windy Gap Handicap**. Class 6. 1 Mile:—Aan Hing, Al Fresco, Autumn Leaf, Blue Peter, Constant Star, Corrie Don, Dashing Beauty II, Ding How, Elmer, Kingfisher, Kwong Yiu, Lightning, Miami Beauty, Rifle, Rosemarie, Sapienta, Strathnamara, Sulphur, The Chief, Tunny and Whirlawny.

The annual athletic sports meeting at St. Stephen's College will be held at 1.30 p.m. tomorrow at Stanley.

Cricketer Wins Gold Wrist Watch

Bombay, March 2.

The West Indies batsman, Everton Weekes, who recently established a world record by scoring five consecutive Test centuries, won a gold wrist watch here today for making 16 runs in a two-day Festival cricket match.

This was one of a number of prizes given by local cricket enthusiasts for individual feats in the 12-a-side match between the West Indies and the Governor's team in aid of the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

About 20,000 people saw some fine-free cricket and the West Indies declared at 288 for ten wickets in their first innings.

In reply, the Indian team, led by the Governor of Bombay, had scored 137 for five wickets by the close of play.—Reuter.

Walk-Overs Conceded

Four walk-overs were conceded in yesterday's fixtures of the HKCC Club Singles Championship.

Full scores are:

B.T.M. Jones beat W.G.D. Cooper, 6-2, 6-1.

P.H. Bonnerman beat G.S. Coxhead, 6-0, 7-5.

A. Furrer beat G.H. Wigglesworth, w.o.

Dr. H. Meyer beat G.A. Lemay, w.o

R. Segalen beat H.J. Armstrong, w.o.

J. D. Mackie beat J. Barrow, w.o.

THIS EVENING'S GAMES

Court 1: D. Nolan vs. F.V. Harrison.

Court 2: K.M. Getz vs. J.B. Hawthorn.

Court 3: J.L. Pearce vs. K.J. Hiddy.

Court 4: J.V. Sellors vs. M. Heenan.

UMPIRES

The Umpires for next week's games are:

Friday: C.W.L. Way, J.D. Mackie, K.A. Cook and G.W. Sewell.

Hard Rugby Game Expected Tomorrow

(By "TOUCH-JUDGE")

Singapore's United Services XV complete their tour tomorrow afternoon with what promises to be a gruelling game against all Hong Kong.

The Singapore side have done much for Rugger in the short period they have been here; the straight running of their backs, the hard low tackling being particularly worth noting.

This, together with the effortless way the ball is thrown about by both forwards and backs makes them extremely difficult to stop and a delight to watch.

It is possible that Churcher will be unable to turn out owing to a face injury suffered in the earlier games but this is not yet certain.

Hong Kong forwards should have the better in the scrums and loose but once more I think Singapore will prove superior in the line out.

The half backs are well matched both sides being fortunate in having hard running attacking outside halves and relentless defending scrum halves.

Singapore's backs are, I think, the superior combination—their running and handling being first-class.

Hong Kong's backs have not yet shown of their best against the Southern side and if Henderson and Pritchett strike their best form we may yet see Singapore's defence being overcome It is to be hoped that all of them will have learned that Vandeumeulen cannot be shaken by kicks either high or low which are directed straight to him, he can, however, as could be seen on Wednesday, be upset by kicking over or across the field away from him.

It should be a grand hard fought game with little to choose between the teams.

The game will be played on the Club Ground and kick-off will be at 4 p.m.

1956 OLYMPIAD IN DETROIT?

Washington, March 2.

The Senate today passed a resolution urging the International Olympic Federation to hold the 1956 Games in Detroit.

The resolution has the support of American athletic organisations.

The United States last played host to the Games in 1932 when they were held in Los Angeles.

The International Olympic Committee will decide the venue of the 1956 Games when it meets in Rome next month.

Other cities expected to apply for the Games in that year include Melbourne, Buenos Aires, Rome and Lausanne.—Reuter.

London, March 2.

The Cambridge University XV today defeated the Royal Air Force by 11 points to 8 in a rugby union game.—Reuter.

Rugby Games In Aid Of Charity

The annual Seven-A-side Rugger Tournament, in aid of charity, will be held on the ground of the Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday, March 12, and March 19, this year and entries are invited from teams of civilians, Police, HM Ships and Shore Establishments, Land Forces and RAF and any other interested contestants.

Entries including name of team, the name of team organiser, address, telephone number, team colours and names of eight players from whom the team is to be selected, should be submitted to Mr. R. de Rome, Hong Kong Electric Co. before noon on Tuesday March 8,—the draw will take place on Thursday March 10, and will be published in the local press.

There has been a tremendous increase in support for rugger in the Colony this year and much greater enthusiasm has been displayed and it is hoped therefore that there will be a record entry for the sevens this year and provided the weather is kind, and with good public support, a substantial sum should be donated to local charities.

HKFA Meeting On Tuesday

A meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council will be held at the Association's office on Tuesday, March 8, at 5.15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To confirm Minutes of Council meeting No. 8.
2. To adopt Minutes of Special Committee meeting No. 1.
3. To adopt Minutes of Special Referees' Sub-Committee meeting No. 1.
4. To adopt Minutes of Interport Sub-Committee meeting No. 6.
5. To adopt Minutes of Emergency Sub-Committee meeting Nos. 9 and 10.
6. Accounts.
7. To select ground for Challenge Shield Final, 2nd April, 1949.
8. To select ground for International Cup Final, 10th April, 1949.
9. To sanction Council Members to become active referees under Rule 20 of the HKFA as amended at the Extraordinary General Meeting.
10. Correspondence.

IRC 1st XI

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club in a First League cricket fixture against Club de Recreio at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.:

A.R. Abbas (Capt.), A. el el Arculli, Jr., A.K. Ismail, S.A. Ismail, S.H. Khan, A.R. Kitchell, A.R. Minu, I.M. Omar, M.I. Razack, M. Samy and A.R. Suffiad.

Umpire: G.M. Butt.

Scorer: A.M. Wahab, Jr.

KHALSA XI

The following have been selected to represent the "Khalsa Hockey XI" in their HKHA fixture against Recreio on Sunday, at 10 a.m. at Police Club Ground, Boundary Street, Shamshuipo:—Makhan Singh, A.E.P. Guest, Yaqub Khan, J.S. Dillon, M. H. Hassan, Subedar Bhagat Singh, G.W.P. Guest, B. Gosano, Narinder Singh, R. Mickey and U.S. Dillon.

Reserve: Mohinder Singh.

SCORPIONS XI

The following will represent HKCC "Scorpions" in their First League cricket match against Army at Chater Road tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

L. F. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, T. A. Pearce, M. Newton, H. Owen Hughes, J. E. Richardson, D. H. Leach, F. Howarth, I. N. MacLeod, E. F. Gee and G. B. Gibbons.

A. P. Weir (scorer).

JARDINES XI

The following team will represent Jardines in an Inter-Hong cricket match against Dodwells on Sunday, March 6, at 11.15 a.m. on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

D. S. Middleditch, C. Barclay, A. L. Ricketts, J. V. Sellors, A. S. Grant, G. M. Mills, J. Hawthorn, S. A. Tremlett, C. L. C. Blott, S. J. Ward and J. D. Mackie.

12th man: W. A. Hue.

BADMINTON GROWING IN POPULARITY IN COLONY

(By ARGONAUT)

Badminton, infant of Hong Kong's family of sports, is attaining the increasing popularity that it rightly deserves.

This was amply demonstrated by the splendid attendance of followers and supporters of the game at the opening matches of the Colony Championships last Monday and Tuesday, and also by the improved standard seen during these games.

Monday night saw seven fixtures of the Championships reach their decision.

C. H. Ngan, of Kowloon Tong, showed that he is quite a force to be reckoned with in the Junior event when he cleared his first hurdle in two straight sets.

Honours of the night, however, went to E. M. Rozario and J. A. Motta, two young new players, who played exceptionally well to gain the better of Recreio's veteran pair, W. Lawrence and C. A. Carvalho. Motta especially, caught the eye with his powerful smashes and agility.

In the Ladies Single's event, a plucky Miss B. Remedios, went down to KCC's Mrs. Tamworth, who is developing into a fine singles player this season.

Considering that it was her first major tournament game, the young Recreio girl put up more than a creditable performance against a more experienced player.

Although handicapped by her short reach, she put across some beautiful cross net shots which had her opponent completely beaten. With improved backhand and harder lobbing, she could easily develop into a first rate player.

A. J. Gonsalves and Miss G. Silva of St. Teresa did not have it all their own way, even though they beat M. Kempton and Miss D. Ramsay in two sets. There were some anxious moments in the second set, after deuce had been called, when the Kowloon Dock youngsters could have pulled the game out.

Gloria played a useful game at the net, but Gonsalves seemed to be playing in fits, and over-anxiety cost him many valuable points.

Kempton is a brainy young player, who has improved a great deal since last year. He has an attractive style and given the advantage of playing with good players should show considerable improvement.

Much the better combination, Miss A. Heah and Miss May Leong fully deserved their win in the Ladies' Doubles, although it went to three sets. Mrs. Benjamin appeared a little nervous, and Marie though playing at her top form, could not stave off the systematic attack of their opponents.

Tuesday's games at the Recreio court revealed a new feminine talent in Miss H. P. Lam, who partnered Patrick Wong in the Mixed Doubles game against Mrs. Stokes and Bill Funk. Her service left nothing to be desired and her coolness at the net was a conspicuous asset. Patrick Wong easily distinguished himself as one of the best Mixed Doubles players in the colony, by the scientific way in which his shots were directed.

Player of the night was undoubtedly S. Saul, last year's Junior Champion. Never has he been seen to play such a good game as he did that night. There were very few, if any at all, that night, who expected the Gillies-Saul combination to win their game against that formidable P. K. Hool-C. K. Lee pair.

But Saul got into one of his rare forms, and everywhere the bird went he was there to receive it. Gillies gave his able support but it was mainly Saul's efforts that the game was won.

Tonight's Games

Another attractive programme of seven games has been arranged for tonight at the VRC court.

Match of the evening will be the Senior Singles encounter between the two YMCA players, W. F. Foo and Patrick Wong.

Patrick is a veteran of many titanic struggles during the past years and is one of the most experience shuttlers in the colony.

Foo, on the other hand has all the advantages of a Singles player, staying power and court coverage, but is inclined to indulge in playing to the gallery.

Patrick should win, although he may have to put everything he knows into tonight's game.

Other attractions will be the Gillies-Mrs. Tamworth v Gonsalves-Mrs. M. Xavier Senior Doubles match, and the D. C. Lau-Miss Helen Kwong v C. H. Ngan-Miss T. Remedios encounter, in the Junior Mixed Doubles.

At Victory Recreation Club

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) Wong Yan v M. Kempton.

7.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles) P. Lo and Miss G. Lor v A.L. Fisher and Mrs. Ankerson.

8.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) W.F. Foo v P.H. Wong.

8.30 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles) W. Gillies and Mrs. A. Tamworth v H.F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier.

9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Singles) Miss M. Bain v Miss M. Ribeiro.

9.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles) D.C. Lau and Miss H. Kwong v C.H. Ngan and Miss T. Remedios.

10.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) C.Y. Yung and K.P. Chong v F/Lt. Griffin and Cpl. Fraser.

10.30 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) S.A. Gray and Partner v H.T. Heah and T.B. Teoh.

FRENCH REDS FAVOUR RUSSIANS

Paris, March 3.

A crowd of 18,000 pro-Communists thunderously pledged last night to greet Soviet troops as liberators if they ever arrive on French soil.

At a mass meeting, Maurice Thorez and Jacques Duclos, leader of the French Communist Party, repeated in a dozen different forms its current slogan: "France will never fight the Soviet Union."

The speakers stood before a 15-foot portrait of Thorez, Secretary-General of the party. There were smaller portraits of Stalin, Marx, Engels and Lenin.—Associated Press.

REDS IN N. KOREA TO GO TO POLLS

Seoul, March 3.

The Communist radio at Pyongyang, capital of Northern Korea, announced today elections will be held in North Korea on March 30 for people's committees of provinces, cities, counties and wards.

The radio specified that only in the Northern half of the republic will the elections be held, thus ignoring the United Nations recognised Republic of Korea which governs the Southern half of the country.—Associated Press.

For spitting in a public place, a mess-boy of the ss. Shirola of India was brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

C.L. Gomendis, aged 29, was bound over by the court in the sum of $50 for 12 months.

Russians, Cut Off, Ask For Newspapers

Frankfurt, March 3.

Members of the Soviet Repatriation Mission blockaded by the American Army in a 15-room mansion in the heart of Frankfurt today complained of being cut off from the world and appealed for newspapers.

An English-speaking Russian lieutenant ventured out of the house for the first time since an MP guard was thrown around the mission grounds 24 hours ago

He shouted "Give us newspapers. We are cut off from the world here. Can't we at least have newspapers?"

The American military policeman at the main gate provided him with a copy of the United States Army's unofficial publication, the Stars and Stripes, which banner-lined the story of the non-stop, round the world flight of an American B-50 bomber.

To a reporter's question the lieutenant shouted back "We are warm and comfortable."

A thin column of smoke from one of the two chimneys of the house indicated the Russians had found means of operating the auxiliary heating unit. The main heating plant was put out of order yesterday when military police cut off the water supply.

American military police today were prepared to excavate water pipes in front of the house occupied by the eight members of the Soviet Repatriation Mission in the American zone, to enforce the blockade.

This move was to ensure that not a drop of water could trickle through to the men and officers in the partially-shuttered mansion, who were facing their second day without light, gas, water or telephone.

The four Soviet officers and four other ranks were ordered by the Americans to leave the zone and have declared that they will stay until they receive orders from Moscow.—United Press and Reuter.

INDONESIANS RENEW ATTACK

Batavia, March 3.

The local Dutch press reported today that large, heavily armed Republican armed units launched a two-day attack on Jogjakarta on Monday, but were driven off by the Dutch who inflicted heavy losses on the Indonesians.—United Press.

Badminton Singles Championships Begin

London, March 2.

Malayan, Indian and American players dominated the opening stages of the men's singles in the All-England badminton championships which began at Harringay Arena here today.

It was a day of surprises for, before the third round had been completed, no less than four of the eight seeded players, including the Danish holder, Skaarup, had been eliminated.

The Malayans provided two of these upsets, Law Teik Hock, their No. 3 player in the Thomas Cup, beating Nils Jonson, the Swedish ace, in straight games and Lim Fee Fong accounting for Marten Mendez, the American No. 2, in a similar manner.

Dave Freeman, 28-year-old American doctor, justified his position as favourite for the title, beating his fellow American and doubles partner, Wynn Rogers, to reach the last 16 with a perfect exhibition. Freeman thus maintained his unbeaten record over the past ten years.

Freeman's compatriot, Carl Loveday, also gave a perfect display in beating Skaarup in three games. Loveday clashes with Law Teik Hock in the quarter finals.

Wong Peng Soon, the Singapore champion, was not extended in either of his matches to reach the last eight, and was particularly impressive against the Danish Thomas Cup player, Preben Dabelsteen.

His next opponent is India's star, D. Moham Lal.

The third round will be completed tomorrow when Ooi Teik Hock, the Malayan champion, meets Ole Jenson, of Denmark; Lim Kee Fong, of Malaya, clashes with India's Thomas Cup captain, George Lewis, and H. Ferreira, of India, has the unenviable task of trying to end Dave Freeman's long run of victories.—Reuter.

FIRE KILLS 16 THOROUGHBREDS

Lexington, Kentucky, March 2.

Sixteen thoroughbreds, including five two-year olds, were burned to death today when a fire destroyed the training barn on the Walnut Springs farm of Clifford Mooers.

Walter Jones, farm manager, estimates the damage in excess of US$200,000. He said the horses alone were worth more than $150,000.—United Press.

CCC 1st XI

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a First League cricket match against Hong Kong University at Pokfulam tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

G. A. Souza, S. Ramchand, A. H. Ismail, P. J. Billimoria, T. Crabtree, D. Readman, K. M. Rumjahn, K. Y. Tam, S. Keshaw, R. Tay and J. L. Youngsaye.

12th man: E. H. Esmail.

World Heavyweight Fight In September?

London, March 2.

The proposed world heavyweight championship fight between the American Lee Savold, and the winner of the Woodcock-Mills contest may be staged in London's Hyde Park next September.

The promoter, Jack Solomons, said there is no ground in London big enough to accommodate all the people who would want to see the fight, and if he can get permission from the Ministry of Works, he will erect a temporary stadium to hold more than 100,000 people.

An application has already been made to the appropriate Government department.

Meanwhile Joe Louis's retirement as the world heavyweight boxing champion has started a "promoters' war" spanning the Atlantic.

The "Brown Bomber," backed by a powerful combine, has challenged Mike Jacobs's 12-year monopoly of the heavyweight championship by assuming the role of promoter for the next world title.

Jack Solomons has also received wide attention in American newspapers by announcing that the world title plans involving Lee Savold, Freddie Mills and Bruce Woodcock.

The Louis camp, backed by Arthur Wirtz and James Norris, who both have big financial interests in Madison Square Garden, say they have Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott already signed for a title fight.

Jacobs's hold on heavyweight title bouts passed on his exclusive option on Louis's services.

He is reported to have said: "I am through with promoting. I guess it is time retire."

But Harry Markson, operating Director of 20th Century Sporting Club, said that Mike Jacobs is definitely not retiring from the promotion game, and will make a fight of it.

"The Tournament of Champions," backed by the Columbia Broadcasting System, with its television network, is also in the picture, and has announced plans for an eliminating series to find a new champion.

A typical press comment today was by the New York "Daily Mirror," which said that the Louis announcement tossed a delayed action bomb into the fistic world and exploded a promotional war of international proportions.—Reuter.

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